

SHAKE IT UP



President Barack Obama is followed by Denis McDonough, left, and White House White House Chief of Staff Jack Lew in the East Room of the White House, in Washington, Jan. 25, 2013.
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WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama shook up his White House staff Friday, installing a new team largely made up of familiar faces moved to different positions as he gears up for an intense push on sweeping legislation early in his second term.

Obama named Denis R. McDonough, a longtime aide and currently the principal deputy national security adviser, as his new White House chief of staff and shuffled around a series of other officials in the West Wing.

"I have been counting on Denis for nearly a decade," Obama said in announcing the appointment in the East Room, flanked by McDonough and the departing chief of staff, Jacob J. Lew, the nominee for Treasury secretary. "I relied on his intellect and good judgment, and that has continued ever since."

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Day of Rage

Tens of thousands of Egyptians filled Tahrir Square Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, to observe the second anniversary of the revolt that ousted President Hosni Mubarak with a massive protest against the political ascendance of the Muslim Brotherhood.

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Deadly riots erupt on Egypt anniversary

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CAIRO – Violence erupted across the country Friday as Egyptians marked the second anniversary of their revolution with an outpouring of rage against the power of the Muslim Brotherhood.

At least seven people were killed in the canal city of Suez, state news media reported. More than 250 people were injured as protesters clashed with security forces around government facilities across the country, including the Interior Ministry headquarters, the state television building and the presidential palace in Cairo. And unidentified assailants attacked Muslim Brotherhood offices in several cities, including Cairo, the Delta town of

Damanhour, and the canal town of Ismailia, where the group was founded 85 years ago.

The chaos was the clearest demonstration yet of the chasm of animosity and distrust dividing the Broth-

erhood and its opponents. Although the Islamists of the Brotherhood have dominated elections since the ouster of the longtime president, Hosni Mubarak, two years ago, another broad segment of the

population harbors deep suspicions of the group's conservative ideology, hierarchical structure and insular ethos. Those doubts were redoubled last month when President Mohamed Morsi, with the Brotherhood's political party, temporarily overruled the authority of the judiciary to ensure that his allies could push through an Islamist-backed constitution to a referendum despite the objection of other parties and the Coptic Christian Church.

It was also the latest confirmation that the Brotherhood had inherited not only Mubarak's presidential palace but also the blame for Egypt's myriad problems.



A boy overcome by tear gas is carried during demonstrations in Cairo, Jan. 25, 2013.

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Foreign Ministers from the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean pose for a group photo in Santiago, Chile, Friday, Jan. 25, 2013. Leaders from the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean will hold the CELAC-EU economic summit Jan 26-27.

(AP Photo/Victor R. Caivano)

Pinera at CELAC: 'Welcome to a better world'

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Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) —

"Welcome to a better world," President Sebastian Pinera told Mariano Rajoy of Spain as a 60-nation summit got under way on Friday, teasing his counterpart with barbs reflecting the changing fortunes of a Europe mired in crisis as Latin America booms.

The economies of Latin America have resisted the global downturn with solid domestic demand, grow-

ing by 3.1 percent last year compared to a 0.5 percent contraction in Europe, and are forecast to grow even faster this year as the Old World remains stuck in recession. Spain is particularly troubled, with a record 26 percent unemployment, putting nearly 6 million people out of work.

"You're in better shape than I imagined, in good health and in shape," Pinera told Rajoy, grinning widely.

"We do have a sense of

humor, which is what you need to stay in this business," Spain's president responded.

Only a few years ago, European companies were using ample cash to buy up assets in a Latin America mired in debt and inflation.

Now that the tables have turned, they're using their cultural and heritage ties to plead for Latin executives to invest on the other side of the Atlantic.

Spain needs help desperately. The country is in its

second recession in three years following the collapse of its once-booming real estate sector. Rajoy's year-old conservative government has made financial reforms and applied severe austerity measures, cutting wages and raising taxes in hopes of a turnaround.

"We're going to maintain our current economic policy in Spain," Rajoy said during his joint appearance with Pinera at La Moneda, Chile's presidential palace.

European Commission Vice President Antonio Tajani brought along 49 executives from the EU's nine member countries, representing companies that ultimately employ 2 million people, the EU said. The commission's goal for the weekend is to help small and medium-sized European businesses gain more market share in rapidly-growing Latin America, where EU countries already make up 43 percent of the region's international trade.

Other top government leaders attending the European Union-Latin America-Caribbean summit include Germany's Angela Merkel, Brazil's Dilma Rousseff, Mexico's new president Enrique Pena Neto and Nicolas Maduro, who is making

his first international appearance as Venezuela's acting president while Hugo Chavez is hospitalized with cancer in Cuba. Cuban President Raul Castro also arrived Friday to take over the rotating presidency of the CELAC group of countries from Pinera. Castro's presence in Chile infuriated the hard-right party in Pinera's coalition, which accuses Castro of harboring criminals responsible for assassinating the Chilean party's political leader in 1991.

To mollify them, Pinera agreed to give Castro a folder containing "new evidence" in the case. The party's lobbying has already led to street clashes outside Cuba's embassy and some politicians say Cuba has no place in the alliance of democracies.

Protesters were also expected on the streets of Santiago Friday night for an alternative "people's summit" calling for everything from free education and environmental protections to an end to a controversial anti-terror law that Chile is using to quell violence in a southern region that the Mapuche, the country's largest indigenous group, considers its usurped ancestral land. □



Spain's Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, right, walks alongside Chile's President Sebastian Pinera at La Moneda Palace in Santiago, Chile, Friday, Jan. 25, 2013. Rajoy is on an official visit ahead of the CELAC-EU economic summit Jan 26-27.

(AP Photo/Victor R. Caivano)



President Barack Obama applauds during a news conference with Denis McDonough, left, and White House Chief of Staff Jack Lew, center, in the East Room of the White House, in Washington, Jan. 25, 2013. Obama named McDonough, a longtime aide, as his new White House chief of staff on Friday as he geared up for a push on new legislation.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

Obama shakes up the West Wing with new chief of staff

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The president called McDonough "one of my closest friends" and an "indispensable member of my national security team" who has been central to every major foreign policy decision of the past four years, including the troop withdrawal from Iraq, the response to the earthquake in Haiti and the lifting of limits on service in the military by openly gay people.

McDonough, 43, has been in the president's most inner circle, with influence that belied his title. Whenever he has advocated a position, other officials have understood that he is almost certainly channeling Obama, and no one is a fiercer defender of the president. McDonough at times has left bruised feelings among officials elsewhere in the administration, particularly in the Pentagon and the State Department, where he is viewed by some as a brusque enforcer. But he is enormously popular within the West Wing, where his loyalty and work ethic are highly valued. His ascension was greeted by warm applause from his colleagues in the East Room on Friday, and the president poked

fun at his round-the-clock work habits.

"I actually began to think Denis likes pulling all-nighters," he said. "The truth is nobody outworks Denis McDonough."

Moving up to deputy chief of staff will be Rob Nabors, currently the president's legislative affairs chief, and replacing McDonough at the National Security Council will be Tony Blinken, the national security adviser to Vice President Joe Biden. Dan Pfeiffer, the White House communications director and another early Obama aide, will move up to senior adviser, replacing David Plouffe, who is departing this week. Replacing Pfeiffer as communications chief will be his deputy, Jennifer Palmieri, a veteran of Bill Clinton's White House. Serving as deputy senior adviser for communications and strategy will be David Simas, a former White House aide who served as head of polling and focus-group research for the president's re-election campaign. Replacing Nabors running the legislative affairs office will be Miguel Rodriguez, a former aide to departing Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and more recently Senate liaison for the Obama White House. □

Abortion battle simmers 40 years later

ASHLEY PARKER

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WASHINGTON — Three days after the 40th anniversary of the decision in *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark Supreme Court case that legalized abortion, thousands of abortion opponents from around the country came to the National Mall on Friday for the annual March for Life rally, which culminated in a demonstration in front of the Supreme Court build-

ter," Santorum said. "Bella is better for us, and we are better because of Bella."

Jeanne Monahan, the president of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, said in an interview that the march was both somber and hopeful. "We've lost 55 million Americans to abortion," she said. "At the same time, I think we're starting to win. We're winning in the court of public opinion, we're winning in the states

statements about rape or abortion. In Indiana, Richard Mourdock, a Republican candidate for the Senate, said in a debate that he believed that pregnancies resulting from rape were something that "God intended," and in Illinois, Rep. Joe Walsh said in a debate that abortion was never necessary to save the life of the mother because of "advances in science and technology." Both men lost, hurt by a



Abortion rights protesters hold signs as anti-abortion activists march past the Capitol to the Supreme Court in Washington, Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, as they observe the 40th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision. Thousands of anti-abortion demonstrators marched through Washington to the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court to protest the landmark decision that legalized abortion.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

ing.

On a gray morning when the temperature was well below freezing, the crowd pressed in close against the stage to hear more than a dozen speakers, who included Tony Perkins, the president of the Family Research Council; Rep. Diane Black, R-Tenn., who recently introduced legislation to withhold financing from Planned Parenthood, and Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky.; Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley of Boston; and Rick Santorum, the former senator from Pennsylvania and Republican presidential candidate.

Santorum spoke of his wife's decision not to have an abortion after they learned that their youngest daughter, Bella, suffered from a rare genetic disorder called Trisomy 18.

"We all know that death is never better, never bet-

with legislation."

Although the main event officially started at noon, the day began much earlier for the participants, with groups in matching scarves engaged in excited chatter on the subway and gaggles of schoolchildren wearing name tags around their necks. Arriving on the Mall, attendees were greeted with free signs ("Defund Planned Parenthood" and "Personhood for Everyone") and a man barking into a megaphone, "Ireland is on the brink of legalizing abortion, which is not good."

The march came two months after the 2012 campaign season, in which social issues like abortion largely took a back seat to the focus on the economy. But the issue did come up in congressional races in which Republican candidates made controversial

backlash from female voters.

Recent polls show that while a majority of Americans do not want *Roe v. Wade* to be overturned entirely, many favor some restrictions. In a Gallup poll released this week, 52 percent of those surveyed said that abortions should be legal only under certain circumstances, while 28 percent said they should be legal under all circumstances, and 18 percent said they should be illegal under all circumstances. In a Pew poll this month, 63 percent of respondents said they did not want *Roe v. Wade* to be overturned completely, and 29 percent said they did — views largely consistent with surveys taken over the past two decades.

"Most Americans want some restrictions on abortion," Monahan said. □

Web of gun laws in US hurts gun control efforts

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Military-style assault weapons, gangster-style tommy guns, World War II-era bazookas and even sawed-off shotguns — somewhere in the U.S., there is a legal avenue to get each of those firearms and more.

This is thanks to the maze of gun statutes around the country and the lack of a minimum federal standard to raise the bar for gun control in states with weak laws.

An Associated Press analysis found that there are thousands of laws, rules and regulations at the local, county, state and federal levels. The laws and rules vary by state, and even within states, accord-

ing to a 2011 compilation of state gun laws by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

arm is legal, the size of ammunition magazines and more. In some places, a person can buy as many



Vice President Joe Biden smiles during a round table discussion with panelists, including officials who worked on gun safety following the 2007 shooting at Virginia Tech, Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va.

(AP Photo/Steve Helber)

These laws and regulations govern who can carry a firearm, what kind of fire-

guns as desired.

President Barack Obama this month announced a

\$500 million plan to tighten federal gun laws after a school shooting in Connecticut killed 20 children and six adults and pushed gun control to a national focus not seen in decades. Obama is urging Congress to pass new laws, some of which would set a minimum standard for the types of firearms and ammunition that are commercially available. Sen. Diane Feinstein on Thursday said she was introducing a new assault weapons ban. The powerful gun lobby argues that enforcing all existing laws makes more sense than passing new ones.

The maze of laws undermines gun-control efforts in communities with tougher gun laws — and pushes advocates of tighter controls to seek a federal standard. Gun rights proponents say enforcing all existing laws makes more sense than passing new ones.

"If you regulate something on the local or state level, you are still a victim to guns coming into other localities or states," said Laura Cutilletta, a senior staff attorney at the California-based Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

In California, most guns come from Nevada, where there is almost no regulation of firearms, Cutilletta said, and in Arizona, gun owners don't need a permit.

The powerful gun lobby says the problem lies in en-

forcement of existing laws.

"Which begs the question: Why are we putting more laws on the books if we're not enforcing the laws we already have on the books?" said Andrew Arulanandam, spokesman for the National Rifle Association, a powerful gun advocacy group.

New gun laws will face tough opposition in Congress, particularly from members who rely on the NRA during election campaigns. The NRA contributed more than \$700,000 to members of Congress during the 2012 election cycle, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Recognizing the opposition in Congress, states already are passing their own new gun laws while officials from some states are promising to ignore any new federal mandates. As the national debate on gun control and Second Amendment rights escalates, the terms being used won't mean the same thing everywhere, due to the thousands of laws, rules and regulations across the country.

"The patchwork of laws in many ways means that the laws are only as effective as the weakest law there is," said Gene Voegtlin of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. "Those that are trying to acquire firearms and may not be able to do that by walking into their local gun shop will try to find a way to do that." □

Venezuelan financier in Conn. fraud surrenders to marshals

BRIDGEPORT, Connecticut (AP) — A Venezuelan financier has surrendered to U.S. marshals in Connecticut to be detained as he awaits sentencing in a massive fraud scheme.

A spokesman for the U.S. attorney in Connecticut said Friday that Francisco Illarramendi turned himself in as ordered by a federal judge.

Illarramendi had been under house arrest in New Canaan since pleading guilty in 2011.

The sentencing has been postponed several times as Illarramendi has changed attorneys. The judge ordered his detention last week.

Illarramendi ran unregistered hedge funds out of offices in Stamford. He has pleaded guilty to several counts of fraud and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

His biggest client was a pension fund for state oil workers in Venezuela. □

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Republicans mulling strategies from Obama's playbook



Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus at the luncheon during the RNC's annual winter meeting in Charlotte, N.C. The meeting is a moment for reviewing, rebuilding and restructuring, party officials say, but there is far from consensus for which direction Republicans should go after losing a race for the White House. (John W. Adkisson/The New York Times)

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — As Republican leaders gathered this week to consider how to rebuild their party, President Barack Obama was at the center of the conversation. But the sharp criticism directed at him was replaced by something new: envy over his campaign.

The Republican National Committee is reviewing the party's deficiencies, particularly in technology and grass-roots organizing, that contributed to Mitt Romney's sound defeat last year. The excuses and grievances that several top Republicans offered up after the election have been supplanted by pledges to strengthen the party.

"We need to get people organized and learn from what Obama did," said Mike Duncan, a former national party chairman who now represents Kentucky on the committee. "We've got to reverse engineer what they did and leap-frog to the next cycle."

As Republicans look for a path to victory, party officials from all 50 states convened here at the winter meeting of the Republican National Committee. There was less finger-point-

ing than soul-searching, and Republican leaders acknowledged the urgent need to make the party more welcoming to a broader cross-section of Americans, particularly women, Hispanics and blacks. "The Republican Party does not need to change our principles, but we might need to change just about everything else we are doing," said Gov. Bobby Jindal of Louisiana. It was time, he said, "to recalibrate the compass of conservatism."

There was more discussion about the challenges facing Republicans than the solutions. But in interviews, Republican officials from across the country said a new tone is needed, and they called on the party to take cues from its 30 governors rather than become consumed by Republicans' differences in Washington. Tensions remain high among the Tea Party movement, the Republican establishment and other segments of the party, who are at odds over fiscal issues and taxes in Congress. Immigration policy and other measures also threaten to divide the party in the 2014 midterm elections, when Republicans are seeking to keep

their House majority and win back the Senate.

"The tone does have to change," said Gov. Pat McCrory of North Carolina, who called for "a tone of respecting the other side's opinion." He said Republicans also should not bow to all viewpoints inside the party, declaring, "When you try to appease everyone, you satisfy no one."

A five-member panel of the Republican National Committee, known as the Growth and Opportunity Project, is scheduled to release a report in March outlining recommendations for strengthening the party, with the primary goal to win the White House in 2016. The group is reviewing how Republicans fell short last year and how the

Republican primaries might have weakened Romney.

Sally Bradshaw, a party strategist in Florida who is an adviser to former Gov. Jeb Bush, said Republicans needed to recruit stronger and more diverse candidates to win races. "I think you're going to see a very renewed, aggressive effort by this party to put on a different face," Bradshaw said. "We are going to go into areas that we do not go into and see folks that we do not see." Henry Barbour, a member of the Republican National Committee from Mississippi who is also on the panel, said the party should not dilute its conservative values, but it needed to broaden its appeal to compete with Democrats. □



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Chambliss announces retirement from senate

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., who helped lead efforts to find a bipartisan deficit reduction compromise, announced Friday that he would retire at the end of 2014, a decision likely to set off a battle on the Republican Party's right flank for a successor.

Already, organizations backed by the Tea Party were stirring interest in a primary challenge for Chambliss over his embrace of new revenues as a part of any comprehensive deficit package. Reps. Tom Price and Paul Broun, two Republican doctors and ardent conservatives from Georgia, had expressed interest in a possible challenge.

But without Chambliss in the picture, the Senate contest in Georgia could shape up to be a battle royale on the right. Other possible candidates could include Herman Cain, a failed presidential candidate, and Karen Handel, a former Georgia secretary of state who ran for governor in 2010 with the backing of Sarah Palin. Handel lost that contest but went on to a senior position at the Susan G. Komen for the Cure breast cancer foundation, where she championed a controversial move to withhold financing for Planned Parenthood cancer screenings.

In a statement, Chambliss took pains to say he did not fear losing a primary challenge.

"Lest anyone think this decision is about a primary challenge, I have no doubt that had I decided to be a candidate, I would

have won re-election," he said. "In these difficult political times, I am fortunate to have actually broadened my support around the state and the nation due to the stances I have taken. Instead, this is about frustration, both at a lack of leadership from the White House and at the dearth

with Democratic deficit negotiators and ultimately embraced a framework that would include increases in revenues and cuts to entitlement programs to get the deficit in check. But despite dozens of closed-door tutorials, secret retreats and symposiums, the Gang of Six failed



Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.) and his grandson John Baker in Atlanta.

(Erik S. Lesser/The New York Times)

of meaningful action from Congress."

Chambliss lifted his public stature in 2011 as one of three Republican senators in the "Gang of Six" hashing out a deficit reduction plan that the group hoped would capture broad appeal. Along with Sens. Tom Coburn of Oklahoma and Mike Crapo of Idaho, both Republicans, Chambliss cemented strong bonds

to bring on board enough senators in both parties to force Democratic and Republican leaders to adopt its principles. It did elicit a strong backlash on the Republican right.

Democrats insisted they would make a run at his seat.

"Georgia will now offer Democrats one of our best pick-up opportunities of the cycle. □

Geithner sees economy strengthening gradually



Outgoing Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner arrives on the West Front of the Capitol in Washington.

(AP Photo/Win McNamee)

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Outgoing Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner thinks the U.S. economy will strengthen this year — as long as Congress avoids cutting spending too deeply in a budget deal and Europe's economy gradually improves.

In an interview Friday on his last day in office, Geithner told The Associated Press, "The economy is stronger than people appreciate." He said he agrees with many private forecasters that growth will accelerate this year, in part because the U.S. economy is no longer being held back by oil shocks and Europe's debt crisis has subsided.

Asked about his future, Geithner ruled out the possibility that he would return to Washington as chairman of the Federal Reserve next year, when Ben Bernanke's term ends, if asked by President Barack Obama.

Geithner has been viewed as among the front-runners for the Fed job. He has

been close to Obama, and before joining Obama's Cabinet as Treasury secretary, he had led the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

"There are lots of people more qualified than me," Geithner said.

Obama last week nominated Jack Lew, his chief of staff and formerly the White House budget director, to succeed Geithner as Treasury secretary. Lew's nomination is expected to win quick approval in the Senate. Geithner was the last remaining original economic adviser to Obama. He served during a turbulent four years in which the administration had to confront the worst U.S. economic and financial crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

In a wide-ranging interview, Geithner made these other points:

— A move by House leaders to postpone a deadline for raising the government's borrowing limit for nearly four months is encouraging. □



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Dolphin dies after struggle in Brooklyn canal

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NEW YORK — A dolphin found its way into the headwaters of the Gowanus Canal in Brooklyn on Friday, apparently trapped in a place where

organization, said it was worrying that the dolphin was by itself, "because they are very social animals; they usually travel in pods." She said it was an adult common dolphin, 6 to 10 feet long and about

high tide, about 7 p.m., when rescuers would see if the animal could free itself. "We don't know what this animal is going to do if any action is undertaken," she said. The dolphin was first

Sasha Chavchavadze, founder of Proteus Gowanus, said she watched the dolphin appear to get caught behind one of the pipes that runs through the canal to flush it out.

"I thought it was a goner because it turned upside down," she said. "But the dolphin extracted itself and started swimming again." Chavchavadze said she heard police asking "does anybody have a canoe" and not knowing quite what to do.

The Gowanus has long been considered the most inhospitable of waterways. For years, it was the dumping ground for industrial waste, a receptacle for sewage spill-off and generally a symbol for urban decay. In 2007, when a 12-foot Minke whale appeared fit and lively swimming around near the mouth of the canal, it quickly earned a

seemingly fitting nickname: Sludgie.

Sludgie the whale swam near the canal for two days even as people worked to rescue it. But the attempts failed, and Sludgie died. Robert DiGiovanni Jr., executive director and senior biologist at the Riverhead Foundation, said that in more than two decades of working in the field he could not recall a dolphin swimming so deep into the canal.

"I don't recall having a dolphin all the way up in the waterway," he said.

It is not uncommon for large marine animals like dolphins and whales to swim right up to the openings of New York's waterways, including the Gowanus Canal, swept in during high tide and out again with the next high tide.

Most of the time, the animals come and go without incident. □



New York Police officers and others monitor a stranded dolphin trapped in the Gowanus Canal in New York, Jan. 25, 2013. Rescuers said they had never seen a dolphin so far up the canal, away from where it empties into New York Harbor.

(Dave Sanders/The New York Times)

nature has long struggled to survive.

As crowds of onlookers braved the bitter cold to catch a glimpse from the Union Street bridge, curiosity turned to concern when the dolphin appeared to be having difficulty swimming in the narrow 1.8-mile-long waterway. Rescuers said they had never seen a dolphin so far up the canal, away from where it empties into New York Harbor.

Television broadcasts showed the animal bobbing up and down in murky black water.

In the afternoon, Julika Wocial, a marine biologist from the Riverhead Foundation, a rescue

200 pounds.

After struggling for hours in the murky water, the dolphin died, Wocial said, around 6 p.m. As for a cause of death, "I have absolutely no idea at this point," she added.

The Riverhead Foundation generally performs necropsies on marine mammals in such circumstances, said Valentina Sherlock, a staff member. But it was not immediately clear Friday evening when that might happen in this case.

About 2:30 p.m., when the canal was at low tide, Wocial said that any rescue operation, if one was undertaken, would most likely not happen until

spotted about 9:30 a.m. at the mouth of the canal, Wocial said. Experts monitored the dolphin's swimming patterns and breathing patterns, hoping to understand what, if anything, might be ailing it. Andrew Beccone, director of a small library based in Proteus Gowanus, an arts center near the bridge, said he was walking over the bridge shortly after noon when he saw police officers and a crowd.

"I thought I was going to see a dead body," said Beccone, who runs the Reanimation Library. "And so then I started gawking as well and within a minute I saw a fin pop up and a little blowhole."



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This satellite image shows North Korea's Punggye-ri nuclear test facility. This and other recent satellite photos show North Korea could be almost ready to carry out its threat to conduct a nuclear test, a U.S. research institute said Friday, Jan. 25, 2013. (AP Photo/GeoEye Satellite Image)

Images suggest North Korea ready to conduct nuclear test

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Recent satellite photos show North Korea could be almost ready to carry out its threat to conduct a nuclear test, a U.S. research institute said Friday. The images of the Punggye-ri site where nuclear tests were conducted in 2006 and 2009 reveal that over the past month roads have been kept clear of snow and that North Koreans may have been sealing the tunnel into a mountainside where a nuclear device would be detonated. But it remains difficult to discern North Korea's true intentions as a test would be

conducted underground. The analysis was provided to The Associated Press by 38 North, the website of U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. The latest image was taken Wednesday. North Korea's powerful National Defense Commission declared its plans Thursday after the U.N. Security Council tightened sanctions in response to a December long-range rocket launch. It described it as part of a "new phase" of combat with the United States, which retains 28,000 troops in South Korea and which it blames for leading the U.N. bid to punish

Pyongyang.

The North said a nuclear test was part of "upcoming" action but did not say exactly when or where it would take place. 38 North concludes that the Punggye-ri site, in the country's northeast, "appears to continue to be at a state of readiness that would allow the North to move forward with a test in a few weeks or less once the leadership in Pyongyang gives the order." South Korean media have cited intelligence officials as saying technical preparations appear complete and the North could be ready to test within days of making a decision to do so. □

Deadly riots erupt on Egypt anniversary

Continued from front

On Friday, five months after Morsi took power from Egypt's interim military rulers, the demonstrators' main complaint was that the Islamists had failed to

fulfill the social welfare and social justice demands of the original uprising. A banner in the center of the square called for the repeal of the Islamist-backed constitution, passed in a referendum last month,

which opponents say failed to enshrine ironclad guarantees of individual freedoms.

"The Egyptian people had so many dreams and the reality on the ground is, everything is still the same," said Mohamed Adl, 41, a teacher who carried a sign with a handwritten poem accusing the Brotherhood of making "injustice the guard of our lives."

Protesters at times seemed to be re-enacting scenes from the 18-day revolt in 2011 that toppled Mubarak. The loudest chants were recycled from the revolution — "Leave, leave" and "The people want the fall of the regime." Others were adapted slightly to focus on the Islamist Brotherhood, calling for an end to "the rule by the supreme guide," Mohamed Badie, the Brotherhood's spiritual leader. □



A protester throws a rock at police during demonstrations in Cairo, Jan. 25, 2013. Police clashed with protesters in opposition to President Mohammed Morsi Friday, marking the second anniversary of the Egyptian revolution.

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Berlusconi vows to cancel property tax on Day 1

NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Silvio Berlusconi is vowing to scrap Italy's property tax in his first Cabinet meeting if his coalition is elected, zeroing in on Italians' deep distaste for the tax re-imposed by Mario Monti's government in a bid to boost public coffers.

The former premier outlined his latest "contract" with Italians on Friday as he pressed his comeback bid, promising a host of reforms, incentives and measures to give relief to Italians suffering through a deep recession and youth unemployment at a record 37 percent.

The 76-year-old Berlusconi's voice was strained, and by the end of his hour-plus monologue his hands were shaking and he slumped into his seat afterward. But his press office quickly denied any problem, saying

he was merely tired after a strenuous performance.

Berlusconi started the program on the stage with Angelino Alfano, his heir-

a solo finale to list his previous governments' accomplishments and outline the program for a future center-right government,

currently trailing the center-left in polls some 27 percent to 38 percent. Monti's civic movement is garnering about 14 percent.

Monti was tapped by Italy's president to lead the country after Berlusconi was forced to resign in November 2011, under pressure from financial markets that had lost faith in his ability to push through reforms to reduce Italy's public debt and enact financial reforms.

Under Monti's leadership and thanks to the European Central Bank's bond-buying program, Italy's borrowing costs have come down. But ordinary Italians have grown disillusioned with the tax hikes and other austerity measures amid recession and rising unemployment.

Berlusconi blamed Monti's reinstatement of the tax on primary residences for Italy's spiral into recession,

claiming it had decreased property values, reduced spending by ordinary Italians, slowed housing sales and seriously harmed the construction industry.

"Let's have a look at the damage that an untimely tax can do," Berlusconi said.

In truth, Italy's construction industry has been suffering throughout the economic crisis, which long predates the imposition of the property tax.

A study by nationwide realtors group Tecnocasa said housing prices dropped around 5 percent around major cities and their suburbs last year, but there was no indication that the property tax was to blame: Tecnocasa cited tougher financing in the economic crisis and concerns about job security. It said there was no immediate impact on the purchases of primary residences. □



Former Italian premier Silvio Berlusconi, left, and PDL secretary Angelino Alfano share a light moment during a campaign rally for the upcoming elections, in Rome Friday, Jan. 25, 2013.

(AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino)

apparent and stated candidate for premier if his center-right coalition wins the Feb. 24-25 vote. Alfano took the podium for a bit, but Berlusconi returned for

again raising questions about whether he or Alfano is really the main candidate.

Berlusconi's People of Freedom party and its allies are

France and Mali said to push toward Islamist groups

LYDIA POLGREEN

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SEVARE, Mali — French and Malian soldiers appeared to push farther north into militant-held territory Friday, closing in on the eastern city of Gao, the stronghold of one of the several Islamist groups that have captured northern Mali.

Residents of Hombori told news agencies that they had seen French and Malian soldiers in the town, 155 miles southwest of Gao, one of the three large cities in northern Mali under militant control.

An Islamist group blew up a bridge in another small town, Ansongo, near the border with Niger, according to residents and aid workers in the area, in an apparent attempt to prevent soldiers from gaining ground in that area.

French officials have been wary of disclosing the precise movements of their 2,500 troops on the ground in Mali, and on Friday a French military spokesman, Col. Thierry Burkhard, declined to confirm or deny that Malian or French forces had taken Hombo-

ri, where two Frenchmen were kidnapped in 2011. But he said that French aerial strikes were continuing against militants farther north.

The military maneuvers came as human rights investigators continued to uncover evidence of executions by the Malian army, whose record of abandoning the field of battle and committing atrocities has raised serious questions about its fitness to fight alongside French and other international troops headed here to fight the

rebels in the North.

Gaetan Mootoo, an investigator with Amnesty International, said witnesses had given him credible testimony that the army had killed two men near the city of Niono on January 18, well after the French intervention had begun.

According to Mootoo, the soldiers asked one of the men, Aboubakrim Ag Mohamed, if they could search his house. When he complied and they found nothing suspicious, they asked him to step outside. A few blocks from his house,

he was shot and killed, the witness said.

Mohamed's cousin, Samba Ag Ibrahim, was executed nearby, Mootoo said, when he encountered the same soldiers.

More people have been killed here in Sevare, said Corinne Dufka, a senior researcher for Human Rights Watch. At least 11 bodies were tossed into a well in a suburb. The city is a garrison town, home to a huge contingent of Malian soldiers, raising the question of how so many could have been killed under their noses. □

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Japan gives letter to China's Xi in island dispute

C. BODEEN
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — A senior envoy handed China's leader a cordial letter from Japan's prime minister Friday in the highest-level contact between the sides since tensions spiked in September over an island dispute, though the meeting yielded little beyond commitments to hold further contact. The letter from Shinzo Abe to Xi Jinping, as seen by The Associated Press, did not contain any substantial overtures, but it sent wishes

of good health, spoke of the two countries' "shared responsibility for peace and prosperity" in the region and said Friday's meeting was a "valuable opportunity to share views." The meeting between Xi and the envoy, senior lawmaker Natsuo Yamaguchi, appeared to dial back some of the intensity of the dispute, which has raised concerns over a possible armed conflict. Xi told Yamaguchi that China attached "great importance" to his visit, held



Natsuo Yamaguchi, left, leader of the New Komeito party from Japan delivers a personal letter from Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to Chinese Communist party Secretary General Xi Jinping during a meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China, Friday, Jan. 25, 2013.

(AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

in Beijing's Great Hall of the People following four months of rising friction that have included violent protests in China and the

scrambling of fighter jets by both countries.

"Mr. Yamaguchi visits China at a period in which China-Japan relations

face a special situation," Xi said, before reporters were asked to leave the meeting.

Speaking to reporters afterward, Yamaguchi said both men emphasized the need for discussion and calm. He said the two men also discussed a future high-level meeting in preparation for a possible summit between Xi and Abe, but gave no indication when that might happen. Yamaguchi is the leader of New Komeito, the junior party in Abe's ruling coalition, but not a member of the government. He arrived on Tuesday and met earlier with lower-ranking officials including Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi and the head of the ruling Communist Party's international department. □



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India:

35 years not enough for Mumbai plotter

NEW DELHI (AP) — India expressed disappointment Friday with the 35-year sentence given to an American who admitted his role in the 2008 Mumbai attack, saying he deserved more prison time for the terrorism that killed 166 people in the country's financial capital. David Headley was sentenced Thursday in a U.S. federal court in Chicago. External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid said he would have possibly received a "more serious and severe" sentence had he been tried in India. "The 35-year sentence is a beginning. We will con-

tinue our efforts to ensure that he is extradited and brought to India for trial," Khurshid told reporters. Headley, 52, was born in the U.S. to a Pakistani father and an American mother and changed his birth name from Daood Gilani. He admitted that he helped plan the attack and videotaped targets that were later attacked. In the three-day rampage, 10 gunmen from a Pakistani-based militant group fanned out across Mumbai, attacking a crowded train station, a landmark hotel and a Jewish center, among other targets.

Headley was arrested in the U.S. in 2009 and entered into a plea bargain with U.S. investigators under which he provided information about terror networks. The U.S. State Department on Friday defended the handling of the case, saying that from Washington's perspective, it was a "very positive example" of U.S.-Indian counterterrorism collaboration. The department ruled out Headley's extradition. "He's been tried, convicted, and will serve in the United States," spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said. □



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Syrian forces escalate offensive in Homs

BARBARA SURK
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syria's army unleashed a barrage of rocket and artillery fire on rebel-held areas in a central province Friday as part of a widening offensive against fighters seeking to oust President Bashar Assad. At least 140 people were killed in fighting nationwide, according to activist groups.

The United Nations said a record number of Syrians streamed into Jordan this month, doubling the population of the kingdom's already-cramped refugee camp to 65,000. Over 30,000 people arrived in Zaatari in January — 6,000 in the past two days alone, the U.N. said.

The newcomers are mostly families, women, children and elderly who fled from southern Syria, said Melissa Fleming, spokeswoman for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. She said the UNHCR was working with the Jordanian government to open a second major camp nearby by the end of this month.

Many of the new arrivals at Zaatari are from the southern town of Daraa, where the uprising against Assad first erupted nearly two years ago, the Britain-based Save the Children said Friday.

Five buses, crammed with

"frightened and exhausted people who fled with what little they could carry," pull up every hour at the camp, said Saba al-Mobasat, an aid worker with Save the Children.

The exodus reflected the latest spike in violence in

ernment forces and has been unable to break a stalemate on the ground.

In Lebanon, the leader of the Syria-backed Lebanese Hezbollah group, Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, said Friday in a speech that those who dream about "dramatic

changes" taking place in Syria should let go of their fantasies.

"Particularly those who were expecting the fall of Damascus," he told supporters, adding that military, political and international developments

point to the futility of such dreams.

Activists said the army recently brought in military reinforcements to the central province of Homs and launched a renewed offensive aimed at retaking patches of territory that have been held by rebels for months.

An amateur video posted online by activists showed rockets slamming into buildings in the rebel-held town of Rastan, just north of the provincial capital, Homs. Heavy gunfire could be heard in the background.

Another video showed thick black and gray smoke rising from a building in the besieged city. "The city of Homs is burning ... day and night, the shelling of Homs doesn't stop," the narrator is heard saying.

Troops also battled rebels around Damascus in an effort to dislodge opposition fighters who have set up enclaves in surrounding towns and villages. □



Free Syrian Army fighters hold their weapons during heavy clashes with government forces in Syria.

(AP Photo/Andoni Lubaki)

Syria's civil war. The conflict began in March 2011 after a peaceful uprising against Assad, inspired by the Arab Spring wave of revolutions that toppled leaders in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and Yemen, turned violent.

Despite significant rebel advances on the battlefield, the opposition remains outgunned by gov-



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Davos AP Debate:

Training needed to redesign global job market

JOHN HEILPRIN
Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) — Training the youth for the challenges of a fast-changing world has to be central to any strategy to rebuild the job market following a financial crisis that's wiped out millions of middle-class jobs over the

aging editor for U.S. news, Michael Oreskes. Proposals included the creation of "green" jobs to save the planet from climate catastrophe and lowering the costs of hiring first-time workers. The International Labor Organization estimates that young people are three

An Associated Press analysis of employment data from 20 countries found that millions of mid-skill, mid-pay jobs have already disappeared over the past five years — jobs that form the backbone of the middle class in developed countries. That experience has left a

chat as part of AP's Class of 2012, an exploration of Europe's financial crisis through the eyes of young graduates facing the worst downturn the continent has seen since the end of World War II. Emerging markets may offer some ideas to the developed world in its new

Google party absent from Davos Forum

EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) — What's the hot gossip on the party circuit at Davos this year? No big Google bash.

For the past few years, the hottest invitation at the World Economic Forum was the Google party, where hundreds of the world's VIPs, especially the successful young technology entrepreneurs, would be out on the dance floor in droves, or trying to chat on the sidelines while shouting to be heard over the loud music. The Davos veterans, often standing by the bar and looking at the scene, would agree they were probably looking at the men and women who will be running the world in the next 20 years or so. Not this year. Google spokeswoman Niki Fenwick confirmed the giant California-based Internet and technology company isn't throwing a Davos party this year, but she wouldn't say why. The forum's founder, Klaus Schwab, said it is a sign of the times.

"I think the world is in a very serious situation and the annual meeting is a very serious event. We are not a fun event. We want to improve the state of the world. The world is not in a good shape at the moment," he told The Associated Press. "So I think it's really logical that we concentrate much more on substance." The forum also changed its format this year, canceling the Sunday session and eliminating its splashy Saturday evening soiree featuring several bands, open bars and lots of food. It was thrown in past years by a host of countries, including India, Brazil and South Africa. Instead, the forum will wrap up with a mountain-top reception early Saturday evening for the 2,500 top leaders from government, business and those who come to Davos to make connections and lobby the movers and shakers. □



A Greenpeace activist demonstrates at a Shell petrol station in Wolfgang, near Davos Switzerland, where the 43rd Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum, WEF, takes place Friday, Jan. 25, 2013.

(AP Photo/Keystone/Laurent Gillieron)

past five years. That was the central conclusion that emerged from the annual Associated Press debate at the World Economic Forum in the Swiss village of Davos, which focused on the need to build up skills for a changing economy. "We need a young labor force," IMF Deputy Managing Director Min Zhu said. "Government doesn't pay enough attention to training and retraining." Amid concerns that the rich world is faced with a lost generation of young people with dismal job prospects, panelists suggested other ideas in the debate that was moderated by the AP's senior man-

times more likely to be unemployed than adults, and that worldwide around 75 million youths aged between 15 and 24 are looking for work. This youth employment crisis, it says, threatens to scar "the very fabric of our societies." Eric Cantor, a Republican Congressman from Virginia, said training is needed to give workers the tools they need for the "new labor force." "America is a huge catalyst for growth," he said. "Workers need to be trained to get into those jobs." He warned, however, against piling more government money on schools without coming up with a "better way" to create new skills.

growing number of technology experts and economists pondering whether middle-class jobs will return when the global economy recovers, or whether they have been lost forever. Italian Finance Minister Vittorio Grilli, also at the debate, argued that technology doesn't have to be the enemy, and "will provide a second wind to advanced economies." Young people in the job market don't all feel they're getting education that fits today's demand. "The quality of courses is not up to standard at all," said Lucy Nicholls, a 22-year-old fashion graduate in London. She was speaking Friday in a Google hangout video

jobs conundrum. Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Ali Babacan, whose country has generated 4.6 million jobs over the past five years, credited the performance on a host of innovative policies, such as paying the wages of some young people when they first enter the workforce. "The biggest problem is the cost of entry to the job market," he said. "If an employer thinks it is less expensive to hire, then employment becomes easier." Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz suggested focusing on "green, renewable jobs" to help solve the youth unemployment crisis as well as the planet. □



Divi Resorts treats team to Glow in the Dark Bowling



EAGLE BEACH - Last Friday Divi Resorts Aruba Human Resources team organized their first event of the year: Glow in the Dark Bowling. All Divi properties dominated Eagle Bowling with a phenomenal party atmosphere. All lanes were filled with creative teams ready to bowl and have fun. To top the night there was the Queen election with impressive shows. 8 Queens participated for the Divi Carnival Queen 2013 crown with a speech, costume and small show.

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The winners of this event: 2nd runner up Chantelle Lacle from Phoenix Front office

with a beautiful costume and fun group of supporters; 1st finalist Sharilaine Dubero from Tamarijn Front office also with a beautiful costume and great speech. The winner was Malvine Ras from Phoenix Sales with her Money Chasers supporters that filled the room with dollar bills. She was crowned Divi Carnival Queen 2013

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Louis & Theresa celebrate their 25th anniversary on Aruba!

EAGLE BEACH - Louis & Theresa Durante from Rockaway Point, New York, celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Aruba by renewing their vows in front of one Aruban priest and four other visiting priests from overseas here on the island Thursday.

The religious ceremony was celebrated by Bishop Nicholas di Marzio with con-celebrants Father Toti Fuentabella, Father Bill Hatcher, Father Frank Passetant, and Father Peter Zaccardo.

The couple renewed their vows and received multiple blessings, by exchanging the same original wedding rings, with which they were married in NY, on January 24th, a quarter of a century ago.

Louis and Theresa have been coming to Aruba for as many years and they own a house in the neighborhood just across the street from Eagle Beach. They hosted a lovely dinner celebration following the emotive occasion, attended by the couple's local and visiting friends. □



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Participation slows but support solid at Donkey Walk-a-thon



SANTA LUCIA - Although the weather was cooperating with the Donkey Walk-a-thon, there was noticeable competition of other activities on the island, causing the 2013 edition of the walk to be less busy than before. On the same evening as the walk on January 19 there was a 10-mile cross event starting at the Marine base and quite a lot of regulars were absent because of the Calypso Contest. But even so there were still more than 150 participants: some walking in a leisurely tempo while others were walking as fast as they could for glory. The fast group mainly went solo; the rest walked together with the two donkeys Ban Ban and Igor. Igor was doing fine doing the 5 K walk, but Ban Ban was running on empty at a certain moment. His han-

dlers had to leave him at one of the water posts and from there he was taken back to the sanctuary by a trailer. For the donkeys there was no present, but for all the participants there was a gift, sponsored by Bucuti Resort: really nice metal water bottles, that were handed out at the start. At the finish there was juice and fruit courtesy of our long-time sponsor SuperFood. Results of the runners were: Wernher Dijkhoff (1) and Mito Werleman (2), Ladies Digna Geerman (1) and Quiana Cronie (2) and Juniors Tjerk Prinsen (1) and Nathan Winterdal (2) - well done! As our sponsors covered the cost of our annual walk-a-thon, the proceeds of this year's edition went entirely to the Donkey Sanctuary. □



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Harbaugh parents will stay neutral at Super Bowl

In this Nov. 24, 2011 file photo, Baltimore Ravens head coach John Harbaugh, left, chats with his brother, San Francisco 49ers head coach Jim Harbaugh, center, and their father, Jack, before an NFL football game in Baltimore. The entire Harbaugh family already got its Super Bowl victory last Sunday, when each coach did his part to ensure a family reunion in New Orleans next week. The Ravens face off against the 49ers in the first Super Bowl coached by siblings on opposite sidelines.

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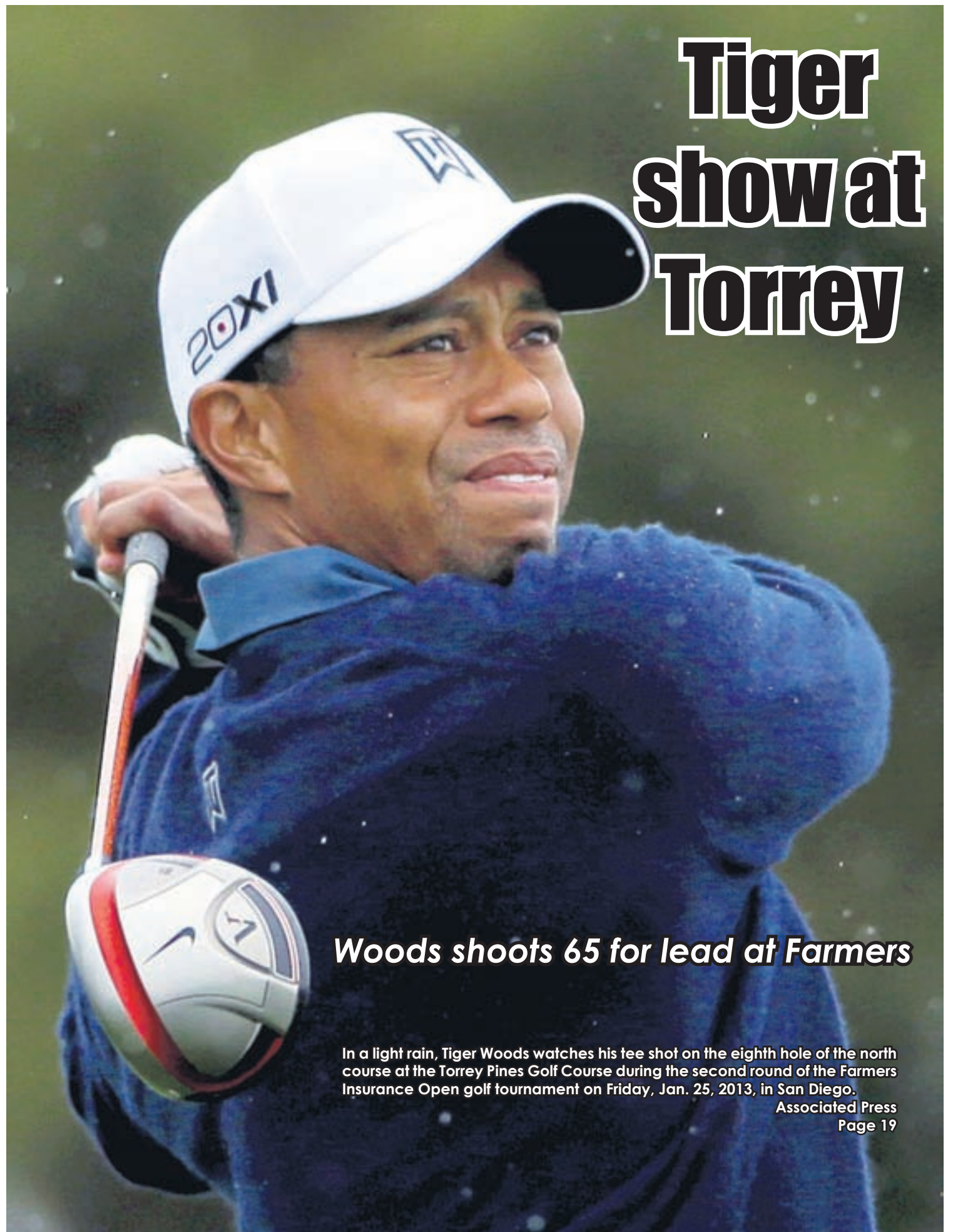
Britain's Andy Murray reacts during his semifinal win over Switzerland's Roger Federer at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Friday, Jan. 25, 2013.

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Andy Murray advances to Australian Open final

DENNIS PASSA
AP Sports Writer
MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Andy Murray has finally beaten Roger Federer at a Grand Slam, and not without some drama. The U.S. Open champion beat 17-time major winner Federer 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-2 at the Australian Open in a semi-final match Friday night featuring an angry outburst by Federer in the fourth set. Murray, who missed his chance to serve out the match at 6-5 in the fourth set, will play defending champion and top-seeded Novak Djokovic in Sunday's final.

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Tiger show at Torrey

Woods shoots 65 for lead at Farmers

In a light rain, Tiger Woods watches his tee shot on the eighth hole of the north course at the Torrey Pines Golf Course during the second round of the Farmers Insurance Open golf tournament on Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, in San Diego.

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Djokovic was rarely troubled while beating David Ferrer in just under 90 minutes on Thursday night — 2 1/2 hours less than Friday's semifinal.

Advantage Djokovic.

In the 12th game of the fourth set, Federer appeared to glare and yell something across the net after Murray stopped momentarily behind the baseline during the rally. Murray ignored it after winning the point, but conceded serve in that game and lost the ensuing tie-breaker before regrouping in the fifth set.

"I mean, it wasn't a big deal," Federer said of the incident. "We just looked at each other one time. That's OK, I think. We were just checking each other out for bit. That wasn't a big deal

for me — I hope not for him."

Murray refused to elaborate on the details of the exchange.

"Stuff like that happens daily in tennis matches ... it was very, very mild in comparison to what happens in other sports," Murray said. "It's just one of those things."

Murray said while the outburst didn't "rattle" him, it might have helped Federer get back in the match.

"I think he raised his game, and that's what happens," he said. "Sometimes guys need to get emotion into the match. He definitely raised his level ... in that game I think he hit two balls onto the line and was extremely aggressive after that."

Asked again what Federer had said, Murray reiterated



Britain's Andy Murray makes a backhand return during his semifinal win over Switzerland's Roger Federer at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Friday, Jan. 25, 2013.

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he didn't feel it was "relevant."

"I'm sure Roger won't talk about it and I have no interest in discussing it either, because, like I say, it happens all the time," he said. "People will want to make a big deal of it and it isn't really a big deal."

"It's a very late finish, I'm tired. I don't want to be wasting any energy, be-

cause I'll need all of it if I want to win against Novak on Sunday."

While Murray came into the match with a 10-9 career advantage, Murray had never beaten Federer in their three previous meetings at majors — finals at the 2008 U.S. Open, 2010 Australian Open and last year at Wimbledon.

"It's always tough against

him, when he plays in Slams is when he plays his best tennis," Murray said. "When his back was against the wall at 6-5 and I was serving, he came up with some unbelievable shots. I just had to keep fighting."

Federer outplayed Murray at stages of the match, but the 25-year-old Scotsman appeared to have the legs and stamina to give him the advantage over the 31-year-old Federer in the fifth set, including a service break to clinch the tense match.

"It's big. I never beat Roger in a Slam before. It definitely will help with the confidence," Murray said. "Just knowing you can win against those guys in big matches definitely helps."

Federer said he was playing catch-up all night. "Definitely it was more of a chase," Federer said. □

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Woods atop the leaderboard at Torrey Pines

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tiger Woods made it look easy on a dreary day at Torrey Pines and wound up in a place he hasn't been in five years.

He had the 36-hole lead by himself at one of his favorite PGA Tour stops.

Woods didn't miss a shot during a four-hole stretch around the turn on the North Course that included a 5-iron to 5 feet for eagle and a wedge that one-hopped off the pin to set up birdie. It carried him to a 7-under 65 on Friday and gave him a two-shot lead in the Farmers Insurance Open.

"I feel good right now," Woods said. "I'm leading the tournament."

Woods was at 11-under 133 and had a two-shot lead over Billy Horschel, with six other players two shots behind.

Already a favorite with seven wins as a pro at Torrey Pines, Woods had even more in his favor going into the weekend. He had a 74-0 edge in PGA Tour wins against the next seven players behind him.

Horschel, who had to go back to Q-school to get his card last year, had a 69 on the South Course to get into final group.

Woods caught a break in the draw by playing the easier North — it's about 600 yards shorter — on a day of light rain, a late breeze and soft conditions. But he kept the ball in play off the tee, and he only got in trouble once. That was on the par-4 eighth hole when he drove into a tough lie in the bunker, and it led to his only bogey.

There's a simple formula for playing the North — make birdie on the par 5s and pick up a few more on the short par 4s. And that's just what he did.

Woods missed birdie putts inside 8 feet on the opening two holes and was taking baby steps until he took off. It started with a 25-foot birdie putt on the 17th. He followed with the 5-iron that landed just left of the pin on the 18th, a

two-putt birdie on the par-5 first hole, and his wedge that took one hop, struck the flag and settled 4 feet away.

It was similar to Thursday on the South Course when he played a five-hole stretch in 5 under, only this time, Woods finished strong. His approach to the seventh spun back and ran over the cup to set up a short birdie, and he finished off his routine day with a 5-wood onto the ninth green for another two-putt birdie.

"Drive the ball well here and you're going to probably have four iron shots into the par 5s," Woods said. "You sprinkle that in with probably four or five wedge shots in there, a round of 6- or 7-under par is definitely conceivable."

Brad Fritsch, a rookie from Canada, had a 67 on the South Course to lead the group of six players at 8-under 136. The others were Casey Wittenberg, Steve Marino, Jimmy Walker, Josh Teater and Erik Compton, whom Woods referred to as "remarkable" for being a two-time heart transplant

recipient and being on the PGA Tour.

Defending champion Brandt Snedeker didn't fare so well. After opening with a 65 on the North, he made only one birdie and twice took bogey on the par 5s on his way to a 75 that left him seven shots behind. K.J. Choi, who had a 65 on the South Course, couldn't break par on the easier North and had a 73 to fall five behind.

Phil Mickelson struggled to keep his hands dry in the wet weather and finished bogey-bogey on the South for a 71 to make the cut on the number, though his work isn't over. There were 87 players who made the cut at 1-under 143, meaning there will be another cut to top 70 and ties Saturday.

Mike Weir, meanwhile, made the cut for the first time since July 2011 despite a sloppy finish for a 75 on the South. He was tied for 41st at 3-under 141.

Still, this had the trappings of another Tiger show at Torrey.

It was his first outright lead



Tiger Woods blows on his putter on the 18th green of the north course at Torrey Pines Golf Course during the second round of the Farmers Insurance Open golf tournament, Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, in San Diego.

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going into the weekend against a full field since the Australian Open in 2011 (he finished third at The Lakes), and his first time atop the leaderboard at Torrey Pines since 2008. Then again, he

has only played one time at this event since then when he was just starting to change his swing.

Woods is coming off a missed cut in Abu Dhabi last week to start his year. □

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Calgary Flames goalie Miikka Kiprusoff, bottom, of Finland, makes a toe save as Mark Giordano, right, defends against Vancouver Canucks' Henrik Sedin, of Sweden, during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Vancouver, British Columbia, on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013.

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NHL Roundup

Flyers beat Rangers 2-1 for 1st win of the season

Associated Press PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Wayne Simmonds and Jakub Voracek scored to help the Philadelphia Flyers win their first game of the season, 2-1 over the New York Rangers on Thursday night. The Flyers not only avoided their first 0-4 start in team history, they beat the Rangers for the first time in two seasons. The Rangers defeated the Flyers all six games last season. Taylor Pyatt scored his third of the season for New York. Both teams are last in the Atlantic Division at 1-3.

The Rangers lost one night after earning their first win of the season, a 4-3 overtime victory at home against Boston.

BLACKHAWKS 3, STARS 2, OT

DALLAS (AP) — Marian Hossa scored his NHL-leading fifth goal on a power play 1:41 into overtime to give Chicago a comeback victory over Dallas.

With Stars captain Brenden Morrow in the penalty box for interference, Hossa fired a one-timer from the slot past goalie Kari Lehtonen after receiving a nifty, behind-the-back pass from Patrick Kane.

Patrick Sharp had a goal and an assist for the Blackhawks, who improved to 4-0 and matched the franchise's best start set during the 1972-73 season. Corey Crawford made 21 saves and stopped Ryan Garbutt on a penalty shot.

Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews tied it at 2 with 5:53 left in regulation. All of Chicago's goals came on the power play.

Ray Whitney and Loui Eriksson scored for the Stars. Lehtonen made 38 saves.

OILERS 2, KINGS 1, OT EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)

— Sam Gagner scored a power-play goal 3:01 into overtime and Edmonton rallied past Los Angeles to leave the defending Stanley Cup champions winless in three games this season. Nail Yakupov tied it for the Oilers with 4.7 seconds left in the third period. His exuberant celebration took him to center ice, where he dropped to his knees and slid into Edmonton's defensive zone.

Gagner then snuck in from the point to score the game-winner after the Kings were caught with too many men on the ice. Devan Dubnyk made 30 saves for the win.

Jeff Carter scored for Los Angeles (0-2-1), winless after three games for the first time since the 1985-86 season.

CANADIENS 4, CAPITALS 1 WASHINGTON (AP) — Andrei Markov's resurgence continued with a goal and an assist, and Montreal cruised past Washington, which is 0-3 for the first time in nearly two decades.

Finally healthy after twice tearing the ACL in his right knee, Markov was part of a second-period spree in which the Canadiens scored in all sorts of ways against a Capitals team that is out of sorts.

Tomas Plekanec, Brian Gionta and Josh Gorges scored for the Canadiens, and Carey Price made 30 saves.

The Capitals have been outscored 14-6 through three games, with seven of the opponents' goals coming on power plays.

Joey Crabb's goal with 2:23 to play was the lone goal for the Capitals, and two-time NHL MVP Alex Ovechkin remains without a goal on the season.

HURRICANES 6, SABRES 3 RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP) — Eric Staal scored three goals, Jeff Skinner added two and Carolina earned its first victory of the season by handing Buffalo its first loss.

Skinner and Staal scored 9 seconds apart during Carolina's four-goal second period that also included a short-handed score by Justin Faulk.

Jordan Staal, Joni Pitkanen and Zac Dalpe each had two assists, and Cam Ward made 30 saves for the Hurricanes, who were one of five winless teams and had two total goals in their first two games.

Jason Pominville's second goal made it 4-3 with 13:54 left. Eric Staal restored Carolina's two-goal lead by firing the puck past Jhonas Enroth at 10:34.

He then polished off his 13th career hat trick with an empty-netter with 1:28 left.

Cody Hodgson also scored and Thomas Vanek had two assists for the Sabres. □

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Duncan gets 14th NBA All-Star nod; 2 Bulls chosen

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Tim Duncan was selected to his 14th NBA All-Star game, San Antonio teammate Tony Parker joined him, and the Chicago Bulls also had two reserves chosen on Thursday for next month's game in Houston.

Joakim Noah and Luol Deng were picked from the Bulls, who have stayed in the thick of the Eastern Conference playoff race despite the season-long absence of point guard Derrick Rose. Noah is one of five first-time All-Stars for the East, along with New York's Tyson Chandler, Indiana's Paul George, Cleveland's Kyrie Irving, and Philadelphia's Jrue Holiday.

Miami's Chris Bosh, picked for his eighth All-Star team, rounded out the East squad. West forwards David Lee (Golden State), LaMarcus Aldridge (Portland) and Zach Randolph (Memphis) all were picked for the second time. Houston's James Harden was chosen for the first time and joins former Oklahoma City teammate Russell Westbrook, headed to his third straight All-Star game. Duncan wasn't chosen last year for the first time in his career but has bounced back with a terrific season at age 36, averaging 17.5 points, 9.8 rebounds and 2.7 blocked shots, his best statistics since 2009-10.

The co-MVP of the 2000 All-Star game joined a group that includes Michael Jordan for fifth-most selections. Kobe Bryant and Kevin Garnett, both voted to start, and Shaquille O'Neal all were picked 15 times. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is the career leader as a 19-time All-Star. The reserves were voted

by the head coaches from each conference, who had to select two guards, three frontcourt players and two players regardless of position. They were not allowed to vote for players from their own teams.

With centers Chandler and Noah, East coaches passed on Brooklyn's Brook Lopez, the leading scorer for a resurgent team that is right behind the Knicks for the Atlantic Division lead. Perennial All-Stars Deron Williams and Joe Johnson of the Nets also missed out, as did Boston's Paul Pierce. Lee gave the Warriors their first All-Star since Latrell Sprewell in 1997, but coach Mark Jackson and

his team hoped for more. However, Stephen Curry wasn't selected despite averaging 20.9 points. He's the league's eighth-leading scorer and the highest one who won't be in Houston for the Feb. 17 showcase.

Lee called his selection "bittersweet" because Curry — the first person to send him a congratulatory text — wasn't picked.

"In our practice facility, there's that All-Star chart and it stops at '97 and there hasn't been any since. So the whole team was really excited with the improved record this year and to get one or both of our guys on there," Lee said. □



San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan (21) looks to pass around Memphis Grizzlies' Marc Gasol (33) during the second quarter of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013, in San Antonio.

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NBA Roundup

Anthony's 28 points lead Knicks over Celts, 89-86

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BOSTON (AP) — Carmelo Anthony scored 28 points and won his rematch with Kevin Garnett as the New York Knicks ended an 11-game losing streak in Boston with an 89-86 victory over the Celtics on Thursday night.

It came 17 days after a verbal clash between the All-Star forwards led to Anthony's one-game suspension following Boston's 102-96 victory in New York.

Anthony was booed frequently Thursday but there was no sign of hostility with Garnett. At one point, An-

thony even extended his hand to a fallen Garnett and helped the Celtic to his feet.

Rajon Rondo led the Celtics with 23 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists. Garnett had only eight points but finished with a game-high 12 rebounds.

RAPTORS 97, MAGIC 95
ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — DeMar DeRozan swished a fadeaway jumper at the buzzer as Toronto fought off a late-game charge by Orlando.

DeRozan led Toronto with 22 points, followed by Amir Johnson with 21 points and

10 rebounds. It was Johnson's sixth double-double of the season.

The victory gave the Raptors a four-game season sweep of Magic, who dropped their fourth game in a row.

Nikola Vucevic led Orlando with 19 points and 14 rebounds. Arron Afflalo added 16 points and Glen Davis had 15.

The Magic have lost 15 of their last 17 overall.

SUNS 93, CLIPPERS 88.

PHOENIX (AP) — Goran Dragic scored 19 of his 24 points in the first half and the Phoenix Suns held on

to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 93-88 on Thursday night, improving to 2-0 under interim coach Lindsey Hunter.

Marcin Gortat added 15 points, including two free throws with 23.3 seconds left. Luis Scola and Markieff Morris had 14 apiece for the Suns, who had not won two in a row since a season-high, four-game winning streak ended on Dec. 19. The Clippers, who lost their third straight, were without Chris Paul for the fifth time in seven games because of a bruised right kneecap. □

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Harbaugh parents will stay neutral at Super Bowl

JANIE McCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, California

(AP) — Jackie Harbaugh will wear a neutral-colored outfit, still to be determined. Her daughter, Joani Crean, little sister to coaching brothers John and Jim Harbaugh, plans to sport all black at the Super Bowl to show no allegiances whatsoever.

"I am wearing whatever fits that day," Crean quipped. The entire Harbaugh family — a close-knit, hyper-competitive crew that also includes University of Indiana basketball coach Tom Crean — realizes it has already won big. They got their Super Bowl victory last Sunday, when each coach did his part to ensure a family reunion in New Orleans next week, with John's Baltimore Ravens facing off against Jim's San Francisco 49ers in the first Super Bowl with sibling coaches on opposite sidelines.

One Harbaugh will haul home the Lombardi Trophy from the Big Easy.

And, no, the family members haven't decided where to sit for the Feb. 3 NFL title game at the Superdome — or at least they aren't revealing it if they have.

"We are neutral in the Super Bowl, and we are just excited that they have brought their teams to the pinnacle of sports," Jackie Harbaugh said this week. Her sons, born 15 months apart, have tried to downplay this matchup from the moment it developed — each wanting to keep the focus on the players, on the field.

The Harbaughs have been inundated with well wishes and media requests since the moment John's Ravens beat New England on Sunday a few hours after the 49ers won at Atlanta. This matchup provides the storyline of storylines, one that will compete with Ravens star Ray Lewis' last hurrah before retirement and the emergence of second-year San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick. Fortunately for the Har-

baugh folks, they've been through this once before — albeit on a slightly smaller stage: November 2011, John's Ravens won 16-6 at home.

Jack Harbaugh visited each changing room after that game and observed the "smile on John's face," then headed over to see how Jim was handling it.

"It was quiet and somber, and finally I saw Jim, all by himself, no one around him," Jack said. "He still had his coaching thing on, and his hands on his head, and we realized that that is where we were needed. And we know we are going to experience that next week."

For Jackie Harbaugh, who has held things together for decades and is known to offer up a sports cliché or two herself, the real celebration began last weekend. "I felt that was a joyful moment for them, for our whole family, our extended family and for my father, who is 97 years old," she said. "Great feeling of joy. I am going to be neutral in the game, and I would really like it to end in a tie. Can the NFL do that?" Don't count on Jack doing any in-game analysis, or to start guessing which team might have the edge in any given phase.

"I'm only neutral on that," he said. "I am not really a coach anymore. I am a spectator and a parent. When I had the chance to watch over the weekend, all of those parents of those players that were competing and the thrill of watching their youngsters compete at that level, all of the coaches involved, their careers, how they all started out in high school and college, and now they are in the NFL and competing for this ultimate prize. I think more as a parent now than I do as a coach."

Unless one of his kids tries to pull a prank, that is. John Harbaugh produced a little trick of his own during his parents' NFL-organized conference call on Thursday.

"John in Baltimore," the moderator said, announc-



In this Sept. 11, 2011 file photo, Jackie and Jack Harbaugh, parents of San Francisco 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh and Baltimore Ravens coach John Harbaugh, stand before an NFL football game between the 49ers and the Seattle Seahawks in San Francisco.

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ing the next person up for a turn to ask a question. "Is it true that both of you

like Jim better than John?" John chirped, before he was uncovered by his sis-

ter. Jackie had begun speaking with, "We do not." □

'Miracle On Ice' jersey going to auction in NYC



This Dec. 12, 2012 handout photo, provided by Heritage Auctions, shows former United States Olympic hockey player Michael Eruzione in Dallas with jerseys and the hockey stick from his sensational winning goal against the Soviet Union hockey team at the 1980 Winter Olympics.

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NEW YORK (AP) — American Mike Eruzione's sensational winning goal against

the Soviet hockey team at the 1980 Winter Olympics will forever be remembered as the "Miracle On Ice" — one of the greatest sporting moments of the 20th century.

More than a generation later, the 58-year-old Eruzione is parting with his iconic No. 21 USA jersey, hockey stick and other Olympic paraphernalia.

Dallas-based Heritage Auctions is selling the items in New York on Feb. 23, the day after the 33rd anniversary of the historic game.

The white jersey alone is expected to fetch more than \$1 million, but sports memorabilia experts think it could go considerably higher.

"It's history as much as it is sports," said Phil Castinetti, owner of Sportsworld in Saugus, Massachusetts, which bills itself as New England's largest sports mem-

orabilia store.

"It was back when the Americans were all amateurs and playing against a professional Soviet team that was supposedly unbeatable. It was the Cold War. ... The Americans were big underdogs. It was a worldwide event that was incredible," Castinetti said.

The auction record for any piece of hockey memorabilia is \$1.2 million, set in 2010 for the jersey Paul Henderson wore when he scored the winning goal in the 1972 Summit Series against the Soviets.

Unlike Olympians of today, Eruzione, who was captain of his team in Lake Placid, New York, received no lucrative endorsements. But he said he's not hurting financially and is selling the prized items to help out his three adult children and grandson. □

NASA testing vintage engine from Apollo 11 rocket

JAY REEVES

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama (AP)

— A vintage rocket engine built to blast the first U.S. lunar mission into Earth's orbit more than 40 years ago is again rumbling across the Southern landscape.

The engine, known to NASA engineers as No. F-6049, was supposed to help propel Apollo 11 into orbit in 1969, when NASA sent Neil Armstrong and two other astronauts to the moon for the first time. The flight went off without a hitch, but no thanks to the engine — it was grounded because of a glitch during a test in Mississippi and later sent to the Smithsonian Institution, where it sat for years.

Now, young engineers who weren't even born when Armstrong took his one small step are using the bell-shaped motor in tests to determine if technology from Apollo's reliable Saturn V design can be improved for the next generation of U.S. missions back to the moon and beyond by the 2020s.

They're learning to work with technical systems and propellants not used since before the start of the space shuttle program, which first launched in 1981.

Nick Case, 27, and other engineers at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center on Thursday completed a series of 11 test firings of the F-6049's gas generator, a jet-like rocket which produces 30,000 pounds (13,600 kilograms) of thrust and was used as a starter for the engine. They are trying to see whether a second-generation version of the Apollo engine could produce even more



An F-1 Engine gas generator is tested at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center Thursday, Jan. 24, 2012 in Huntsville, Ala. The test, with parts taken from an engine intended to fly in the Apollo program, is being studied by Marshall engineers in developing the next generation of rocket engines for NASA's Space Launch System (SLS). This was the last of 11 tests. Associated Press

thrust and be operated with a throttle for deep-space exploration. There are no plans to send the old engine into space, but it could become a template for a new generation of motors incorporating parts of its design. In NASA-speak, the old 18-foot (5.5-meter)-tall motor is called an F-1 engine. During moon missions, five of them were arranged at the base of the 363-foot (110-meter)-tall Saturn V system and fired together to power the rocket off the ground toward Earth orbit. Thursday's test used one part of the engine, the gas generator, which powers the machinery to pump propellant into the main rocket chamber. It doesn't produce the massive orange flame or clouds of smoke like that of a whole F-1, but the sound was deafening as engineers fired the mechanism in an outdoor test stand on a cool, sunny afternoon.

The device produced a plume that resembled a blow torch the size of two buses and set fire to a grassy area, which was quickly extinguished.

"It's not small," Case said. "It's pretty beefy on its own."

And just like during the Apollo days, people in north Alabama heard rockets thundering in the distance during tests at Marshall.

"My wife and daughter were in our front yard and she said they could hear it, which was pretty cool," Case said after an earlier test. "We live about 15 miles away."

A single F-1 engine can produce 1.5 million pounds (0.68 million kilograms) of thrust using a fuel composed of liquid oxygen and refined kerosene, which was not used in the space shuttle.

The tests were conducted at Marshall in a project conducted with Dynetics

shall's liquid propulsion office, said young engineers can learn a lot from the work done by predecessors using slide-rules in the 1960s, but no one wants to simply rebuild the old Saturn V engine.

"This wouldn't be your daddy's F-1," Coates said.

"We'd use new materials and try to simplify it, update it." Case started at Marshall as a high school intern in 2002 and has been working there since graduating from the University of Alabama in Huntsville in 2008. He said today's technology allows things that weren't possible during the 1960s, but he has been impressed by what he learned taking apart the unused Apollo 11 engine.

Engine No. F-6049 didn't fit properly on the Apollo 11 rocket, but it is invaluable now as a testing tool. Coates said a total of 85 F-1 engines were used on 17 Apollo flights without a single failure.

About a dozen F-1 engines remain in Huntsville, home of NASA's main propulsion center, and others are located elsewhere. □

Hashtag goes Gallic in French law books

PARIS (AP) — The French government is redefining hashtag with a Gallic touch. The country that has an academy devoted solely to the use of the French language has given its official seal of approval to a new word for the Twit-

tersphere: mot-diese.

Pronounced 'Mo-Dee-YEZ', it doesn't exactly trip off the tongue. But that's not the point. French law requires that government agencies use French terms — and teachers are required to spread the

word. New words are approved by the Academie Francaise and written into the lawbooks. The French word for hashtag, published in the official journal on Wednesday, follows the government's somewhat successful redefinition of email — courriel — and its less successful attempt to persuade people to avoid the word "weekend." □

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Procter & Gamble fiscal 2Q profit jumps

MAE ANDERSON

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Procter & Gamble, the world's largest consumer goods company, whose products like Tide detergent and Gillette razors are in 98 percent of Americans' households, in recent years had lost business to competitors as it grew too fast overseas and

to lower costs and focus on rolling out new products helped boost its bottom line. It was the second quarter in a row that P&G beat Wall Street estimates. "We have more work to do, but the underlying trends are improving," said CFO Jon Moeller in a call with analysts.

P&G, like many U.S.-based

have slowed. But while other competitors lowered prices, P&G, based in Cincinnati, took for granted that it was a household name in some areas, and held its ground on pricing. As a result, the company lost market share in more than half of the categories in which it sells products.

In February, P&G launched a massive restructuring plan to focus on the company's 40 top businesses, 20 biggest new products and 10 most profitable emerging markets. It also rolled out cost-cutting measures aimed at saving \$10 billion by fiscal 2016. Later in the year, the company lowered prices for laundry detergent, toothpaste and other products in the U.S., and cut jobs.

The company's quarterly results show that the strategy is working. The company held or grew market share in businesses representing almost 50 percent of sales during the fiscal second quarter that ended in December.

Another good sign: positive results were broad based, coming from both developed markets like North America as well as emerg-

ing markets like China, India and Brazil. For instance, in China, a key emerging market that has been facing slowing growth, P&G held or grew market share in about half of the categories it competes in, while market share improved for two-thirds of its portfolio there. "We're really seeing growth both in developed markets and developing markets," said CEO Bob McDonald said in a conference call. The growth was driven in part by recent product launches that include 3D White toothpaste in Brazil and the introduction of a low-priced razor Gillette Guard in Egypt. In the U.S., Tide Pods drove the improvement in the detergent category and Cascade dish detergent, Gillette Fusion razors and Crest toothpaste were other strong sellers.

Lower prices in North America helped spur market share gains for products such as Gain detergent, dishwashing liquid such as Cascade and Gillette razors, which gained 2 points of market share to boast 74 percent in the U.S. male blades and razors category. □



Procter & Gamble products are displayed at a Target store in Richmond, Va. Procter & Gamble said Friday that its fiscal second quarter net income more than doubled and boosted its profit outlook as the maker of Tide and Pampers took back market share.

(AP Photo/Steve Helber)

kept prices high.

But on Friday the company reported that its fiscal second quarter profit more than doubled as the plan that it launched last year

companies, has been focusing on growing its business in places such as China and India to drive growth as more developed regions like North America

Exxon passes Apple as most valuable company

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Exxon has once again surpassed Apple as the world's most valuable company after the iPhone and iPad maker saw its stock price falter.

Apple Inc.'s stock has been on the decline since the company's quarterly earnings report Wednesday suggested that its fast growth phase, rare for a company of its size, may be coming to an end.

Apple's stock fell 2.6 percent to \$438.76 in afternoon trading Friday for a market capitalization of \$412 billion. That followed a 12 percent drop on Thursday, the biggest one-day percentage drop for the company since 2008.

Exxon Mobil Corp. gained 10 cents Friday to \$91.45 for a market capitalization of \$417 billion.

Apple first surpassed Exxon in the summer of 2011, displacing the oil company from a perch it had held since 2005. The two companies traded places through that fall, until Apple surpassed Exxon for good in early 2012 — at least until Friday. China's largest oil company, PetroChina, could lay claim to having hit a market capitalization even higher than either Exxon's or Apple's, but only based on prices on the Shanghai stock exchange, which is isolated from the rest of the financial world because of Chinese laws on foreign investment. PetroChina's shares also trade in Hong Kong and on the New York Stock Exchange. Based on prices there, its market capitalization never went as high as \$500 billion. Apple and Exxon are among only a half dozen

U.S. companies to have ever reached \$500 billion in market value. Apple and Microsoft Corp. are the

on the day the iPhone 5 was released. Exxon, in the meantime, has been trading steady. Its business — oil



Exxon has once again surpassed Apple as the world's most valuable company after the iPhone and iPad maker saw its stock price falter, according to reports Friday, Jan. 25, 2013.

(AP Photo/LM Otero)

only ones to have ever hit \$600 billion.

Apple's stock price peaked in September at \$705.07

— seems less prone to stock market ups and downs than the Cupertino, California-based tech darling.

Halliburton 4Q tops Wall Street expectations

HOUSTON (AP) — Halliburton's net income for the fourth quarter fell 26 percent because of a decline in North America, where drilling activity slowed and the company has been forced to charge lower prices for its services.

Still, the results beat Wall Street expectations and shares rose nearly 5 percent.

The world's second-largest oilfield services company earned \$669 million, or 72 cents per share, for the three months ended Dec. 31. That's down from \$906 million, or 98 cents per share, a year ago. But excluding one-time items, earnings were 67 cents per share, 6 cents above the forecast of analysts surveyed by FactSet.

Halliburton is a major provider of the pressure-pumping technique known as hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," which has enabled drilling companies to unlock vast supplies of oil and natural gas from underground shale deposits in the U.S.

Natural gas production in the U.S. rose by about 20 percent between 2007 and 2011, according to the Energy Department. Halliburton's revenue rose more than 60 percent in that same period.

But now supplies of gas are plentiful and the price has dropped sharply. Natural gas futures prices averaged about \$2.83 per 1,000 cubic feet in 2012, down from \$4.03 in 2011. The number of rigs drilling for natural gas has fallen off, and some of Halliburton's pressure-pumping equipment is sitting idle, although a boom in oil drilling in North Dakota and Texas has offset some of the slump in the natural gas business.

Halliburton's North American operating income fell 58 percent. Schlumberger, the world's biggest oilfield services company, was able to offset the decline in drilling on land with increased revenue in the Gulf of Mexico. □

US new-home sales fell in Dec., up for 2012

MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of new U.S. homes cooled off in December compared with November but for the entire year were the best since 2009.

The Commerce Department said Friday that new-home sales fell 7.3 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 369,000. That's down from November's rate of 398,000, which was the fastest in 2 ½ years.

For the year, sales rose nearly 20 percent to 367,000. That's the most since 2009, although the increase is coming off the worst year for new-home sales since the government began keeping records in 1963. Sales are still below the 700,000 level that economists consider healthy. The housing market began to recovery last year, roughly five years after the housing bubble burst. Stable job gains and record-low mortgage rates encouraged more people to buy homes. Prices have been rising on a sustained basis. And builders started to increase construction of new homes, partly because the supply of homes had thinned to extremely low levels. Jennifer Lee, a senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, said the December decline in sales of newly built homes wasn't cause for worry. She still expects sales to improve this

year.

In a note to clients, she points out that figures for November, October and September were revised higher. And many buyers may have held off last month because of un-

certainty over taxes. The White House and Congress reached a deal on Jan. 1 to keep income taxes from rising on most Americans.

"Take December's drop with a grain of salt, especially given all of the un-

certainty about what will happen to taxes in the new year," Lee said. "And with new mortgage applications already picking (up) in the first three weeks of January, we should see a better report next month."

For December, new-home sales fell 29 percent in the Northeast, 11 percent in the West and roughly 8 percent in the South. Only the Midwest showed strength, with sales rising 21.3 percent. □

S&P 500 in longest winning streak since 2004

STEVE ROTHWELL

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed above 1,500 on Friday for the first time since the start of the Great Recession in 2007, lifted by strong earnings from Procter & Gamble and Starbucks.

The S&P 500 rose 8.14 points to 1,502.96. It was the eighth straight gain, the longest winning streak since November 2004.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 13,825.33, up 46 points. The Nasdaq composite gained 19.33 points to 3,149.71.

Procter & Gamble, world's largest consumer products maker, gained \$2.83 to \$73.25 after reporting that its quarterly income more than doubled. P&G also raised its profit forecast for its full fiscal year. Starbucks rose \$2.24 to \$56.81 after reporting a 13 percent increase in profits.

"Earnings are growing," said Joe Tanious, a global market strategist at JPMorgan. "The bottom line is that corporate America is

doing exceptionally well." Tanious expects corporate earnings to grow at about 5 percent over the "next year or two," and stock valuations to rise. Currently,

publicly traded company. Apple fell 2.4 percent to \$439.88, following a 12 percent drop on Thursday, the biggest one-day percentage drop for the compa-



Trader Michael Zicchinolfi, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, Jan. 25, 2013. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

the S&P 500 is trading at an average price-to-earnings ratio of 14, below an average of 15.1 for the last decade, according to FactSet data.

Apple continued to decline, allowing Exxon Mobil to once again surpass the electronics giant as the world's most valuable

ny since 2008, after Apple forecast slower sales. The stock is now 37 percent below the record high of \$702.10 it reached Sept. 19.

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es through that fall, until Apple surpassed Exxon in early 2012.

Stocks have surged this month, with the S&P 500 advancing 5.4 percent. It jumped at the start of the year when lawmakers reached a last-minute deal to avoid the "fiscal cliff." Stocks built on those gains on optimism that the housing market is recovering and the labor market is healing.

The Dow Jones is up 5.5 percent on the year.

Deutsche Bank analysts raised their year-end target for the index to 1,600 from 1,575.

Companies will be able to maintain their earnings even if lawmakers in Washington decide to implement wide-ranging spending cuts to narrow the budget deficit, the analysts said in a note sent to clients late Thursday.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves inversely to its price, climbed 11 basis points to 1.95 percent.

Among other stocks making big moves. □

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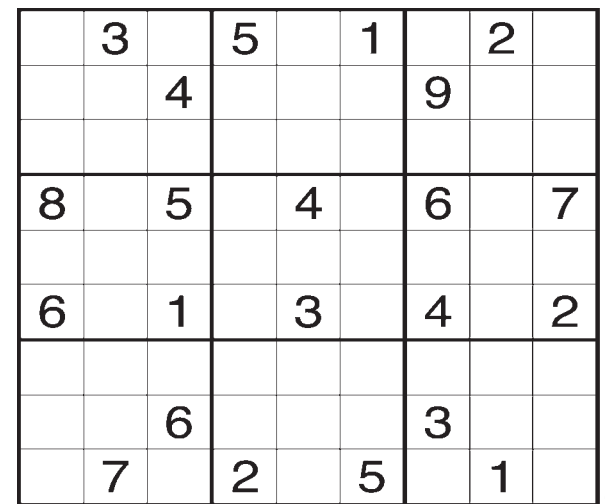
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A black and white cartoon illustration. On the left, a dog sits on a sidewalk, looking towards the right. On the right, a rabbit sits on the same sidewalk, hunched over and holding a large, dark, oval-shaped object (likely a smartphone) to its chest, appearing to be texting. A speech bubble from the dog contains the text: "CHASING CARS WHILE TEXTING... WHAT ABOUT YOU?". The background features a chain-link fence on the left and a brick wall on the right. A small bowl is on the ground near the rabbit. The signature "MIKE PETERS" and the date "1/26" are at the bottom center. A small copyright notice is in the bottom left corner.

A three-panel comic strip. Panel 1: A man in a nightgown is lying in bed, tapping his head with a pine branch. A speech bubble says "TAP! TAP! TAP!". Panel 2: A woman with dark hair is sitting up in bed, looking at the man. She says, "HAMMIE? WHAT'S WRONG?". He replies, "NOTHING." Panel 3: The woman is still sitting up, looking at the man. She says, "BUT AS LONG AS YOU'RE UP, WILL YOU GET ME A DRINK OF WATER?". The man is still lying down, looking up at her. The comic is signed "WILKINSON & SCOTT" in the bottom right corner.

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percussion
instrument
- 5 ___ out;
eliminate slowly
- 10 Stitches
- 14 Out of town
- 15 Portrait holder
- 16 Palm or pine
- 17 Sullen; morose
- 18 Official copy of
a pupil's grades
- 20 Pack animal
- 21 Waterproof
covering
- 22 Leases
- 23 Post or Procter
- 25 "That ___ then;
this is now"
- 26 Marks not
easily removed
- 28 Taste, touch,
sight, etc.
- 31 Pushover
- 32 Fine-tune
- 34 ___ as a hornet
- 36 Wading bird
- 37 Shave a sheep
- 38 Baby's first
word, often
- 39 Prefix for fat or
sense
- 40 Pangs
- 41 Philanthropist
- 42 Fairly tale villain
- 44 Oman's capital
- 45 Ooh and ___;
express delight
- 46 ___-frutti
- 47 Baby deliverer?
- 50 Extremely
- 51 Play on words
- 54 Extensive
- 57 Dad
- 58 Finds a sum
- 59 Elevate
- 60 Perched upon
- 61 Most desirable
- 62 Proprietor
- 63 Strong urges

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- 2 Hooting birds
- 3 Sickening
- 4 High school sports building

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Study: Digital information can be stored in DNA

MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It can store the information from a million CDs in a space no bigger than your little finger and could keep it safe for centuries.

Is this some new electronic gadget? Nope. It's DNA. The genetic material has long held all the information needed to make plants and animals, and now some scientists are saying it could help handle the growing storage needs of today's information society.

Researchers reported Wednesday that they had stored all 154 Shakespeare sonnets, a photo, a scientific paper, and a 26-second sound clip from U.S. civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. That all



In an undated photo provided by European Molecular Biology Laboratory via Nature magazine, Dr. Nick Goldman of EMBL-EBI examines synthesized DNA in an Eppendorf vial.

Associated Press

fit in a barely visible bit of DNA in a test tube.

The process involved converting the ones and zeroes of digital information into the four-letter alphabet of DNA code. That code was used to create strands of synthetic DNA. Then ma-

chines "read" the DNA molecules and recovered the encoded information. That reading process took two weeks, but technological advances are driving that time down, said Ewan Birney of the European Bioinformatics Institute in Hinx-

ton, England. He's an author of a report published online by the journal Nature. DNA could be useful for keeping huge amounts of information that must be kept for a long time but not retrieved very often, the researchers said. Storing the DNA would be relatively simple, they said: Just put it in a cold, dry and dark place and leave it alone. The technology might work in the near term for large archives that have to be kept safe for centuries, like national historical records or huge library holdings, said study co-author Nick Goldman of the institute. Maybe in a decade it could become feasible for consumers to store information they want to have around in 50 years, like wedding photos or videos for future grandchildren,

Goldman said in an email. The researchers said they have no intention of putting storage DNA into a living thing, and that it couldn't accidentally become part of the genetic machinery of a living thing because of its coding scheme.

Sriram Kosuri, a Harvard researcher who co-authored a similar report last September, said both papers show advantages of DNA for long-term storage. But because of its technical limitations, "it's not going to replace your hard drive," he said. Kosuri's co-author, Harvard DNA expert George Church, said the technology could let a person store all of Wikipedia on a fingertip, and all the world's information now stored on disk drives could fit in the palm of the hand. □

Guyana pledges to protect jaguars

DAVID McFADDEN
Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — The lushly forested nation of Guyana on Thursday joined a regional pact to protect jaguars, the elusive spotted cat that is the biggest land predator in the Americas but is vulnerable due to expanded agriculture and mining that carves away at their fragmented habitat. Leaders of the government's environment ministry were signing an agreement with the New York-based conservation group Panthera, which is trying to establish a "jaguar corridor," a network of pathways that would link core jaguar populations from northern Argentina to Mexico. Guyana is pledging to ensure the protection of jaguars, the national animal that is a near-threatened species.

The South American nation with some of the region's least spoiled wilderness joins Colombia and nations in Central America in recognizing the corridor and agreeing to work towards the long-term conservation of jaguars, according to Esteban Payan, region-

al director for Panthera's northern South America jaguar program. A network of cameras equipped with motion sensors and fixed to tree trunks has revealed tantalizing glimpses of sleek, solitary jaguars slinking through Guyana's dense rain forests and vast grasslands stretching to the country's border with Brazil. Scientists reported finding a relatively healthy jaguar density of three to four animals per 100 kilometers (161 miles) in Guyana's southern Rupununi Savannah. That means that preserving grasslands are as important to conservation of jaguars as protecting the dense rain forests, they say. Evi Paemelaere, a Belgian jaguar scientist with Panthera, said Amerindian villagers

in remote spots in Guyana have helped her set up cameras along the roads and hunting trails that the big cats like to travel on.

"Amerindians are very keen on being part of the project," she said from the capital of Georgetown. Jaguars once roamed widely from the southwestern United States to Argentina, but have lost nearly half of their natural territory and have disappeared altogether from some countries. Heavy hunting for their spotted coats decimated their numbers in the 1960s and early 1970s until the pelt trade was largely halted.

No one has any reliable estimates of how many jaguars are left in the wild, where they prey on pecca-



In this photo released by the New York-based conservation group Panthera, a male jaguar is photographed by a camera trap on Karanambu Ranch, in the Rupununi region of Guyana, in 2011.

Associated Press

ries, tapirs and, since they are powerful swimmers, river turtles.

Guyana, a country roughly the size of the U.S. state of Idaho where most of the

roughly 756,000 inhabitants live along its Atlantic coastline, has been widely recognized for balancing progress with preservation. □

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'Dallas' returns with J.R. Ewing's final schemes

FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — J.R. Ewing wouldn't hesitate to cheat his fellow man. He also famously cheated death. In the second-season finale of "Dallas" back in 1980, he was shot by an unknown assailant in his office and left for dead. But he recovered nicely, and the cliffhanger question that gripped the nation (Who shot J.R.?) was answered that November in an episode seen by 80 million viewers. This time, J.R. won't get off so easy. The second sea-

son of TNT's rebooted "Dallas" poses an even more dramatic question: Who killed J.R.? Meanwhile, viewers will have to reckon with the loss of arguably TV's greatest villain, and bid farewell to the actor who portrayed him so indelibly and also cheated death for years. Larry Hagman, who died of cancer at 81 the day after Thanksgiving, was diagnosed in 1992 with cirrhosis of the liver from a life of heavy drinking and, three years later, when a malignant tumor was discovered on his liver, successfully underwent a transplant.



This Oct. 2012 photo released by TNT shows actor Larry Hagman as J.R. Ewing in a scene from "Dallas."

Associated Press

John Ross), as well as veterans of the original CBS series, notably Gray and Patrick Duffy as J.R.'s ever-upright brother, Bobby. J.R. will appear in a minimum of five or as many as seven of the season's episodes. (It remains to be seen how footage of Hagman might be adapted to depict J.R.'s murder.) After that, can "Dallas" survive the dual deaths of its central character and legendary star?

"Larry being gone doesn't eliminate the influence of the character of J.R.," Duffy pointed out. Who knows what land mines J.R. will have left behind? "We can find business deals he did or schemes he started that now are coming home to roost, and they can turn up for years to come." "Whatever will happen on the show, we will be talking about J.R. Ewing and he will have done things that have a ripple effect," Gray agreed. "He will always be there." "There's a lot of driving forces on the show — not just J.R.," added "Dallas" executive producer Cynthia Cidre, who, interviewed by phone a couple of weeks ago, was parked outside a posh Dallas social club where the wake for J.R. was about to be filmed. She said this season she tried to use Hagman sparingly. □

Obama, Hillary Clinton to give joint interview

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The White House says President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will give their first joint interview to the television news show "60 Minutes," and it will air Sunday. Clinton is soon to leave her post as secretary of state, and already she is being mentioned as a possible presidential candidate for 2016. Obama and Clinton competed for the Democratic nomination for president in 2008, and their relationship has been watched closely ever since. □



President Barack Obama gestures as he speaks in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, where he announced that he will name current Deputy National Security Adviser Denis McDonough as his next chief of staff.

Associated Press

This double loss would be a burden for any show to bear. "Dallas," returning at 9 p.m. EST Monday, comes fully loaded. "I think viewers want closure," said Linda Gray, who plays J.R.'s long-suffering ex-wife, Sue Ellen. "They want to mourn Larry Hagman and J.R. Ewing. They want to know they can grieve the fact he won't be around." But all that comes later. With its two-hour season premiere, "Dallas" carries on in familiar fashion, with the expected two-timing, squabbles, a kidnapping revealed, a stolen identity and assorted other mischief. And never fear: J.R., though visibly frail, continues his reign as a scheming oilman and rascally Ewing

patriarch. "I came over to deliver some muffins to the pretty little secretaries," he announces on making an unannounced visit to Ewing Energies headquarters before he laments, "Who could have guessed so many would turn out to be MEN? Where's the sport in THAT?" In another scene, J.R. shares sly counsel with his son, John Ross, on double-crossing other members of the family: "Love, hate, jealousy: Mix 'em up and they make a mean martini. And when we take over Ewing Energies, you'll slake your thirst — with a twist!" The new "Dallas," which debuted last June, is stocked with a troupe of young regulars (including Josh Henderson, who plays

Fox News, Palin cutting ties



In this Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012 file photo provided by Fox News, former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin talks on Fox News Sunday in Washington.

Associated Press

DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Republican vice presiden-

tial candidate Sarah Palin is out as a Fox News Channel contributor. The network said Friday that it is parting ways with the 2008 Republican vice presidential candidate. Bill Shine, executive vice president at Fox News, said the network has enjoyed its association with Palin and wishes her the best. There was no immediate comment from the former Alaska governor. □

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In this Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009 file photo, U.S. singer Tina Turner performs on stage during her concert at the Hallenstadion venue in Zurich, Switzerland.
Associated Press

Tina Turner on her way to Swiss citizenship

GENEVA (AP) — Tina Turner is on her way to becoming a Swiss citizen.

The American rock diva has lived in the Zurich suburb of Kuesnacht since the mid-1990s. The local Zuerichsee-Zeitung newspaper said on its website the local council announced its decision to grant the 73-year-old Turner citizenship in an official notice published in Friday's edition.

The decision still requires formal approval from cantonal (state) and federal authorities. □

'American Pie' singer fined for speeding

ROCKLAND, Maine (AP) — "American Pie" singer Don McLean has been fined \$400 for driving his car too fast through a U.S. school zone.

A judge lowered the fine from \$515 to \$400, and McLean immediately paid up.

McLean burst into popularity in 1971 with his hit "American Pie," about the deaths of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper in a plane crash on Feb. 3, 1959 — The Day the Music Died. □



In this July 3, 2012 file photo provided by the Las Vegas News Bureau, Don McLean performs at the Las Vegas Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.
Associated Press

Singer Michael Buble, wife expecting their first child

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Buble has something new to sing about: becoming a father.

In an online video posted Thursday via the YouTube account of Buble's wife, Luisana Lopilato, a sonogram with the words "Mini Buble!!!" is shown. The 20-second video ends with the words: "We're having a baby Buble!!!" □

SAG honoree Dick Van Dyke glad he made someone smile



In this Oct. 8, 2012 file photo, Actor Dick Van Dyke, right, poses for a portrait with Screen Actors Guild President Ken Howard, in Beverly Hills, Calif. Van Dyke is the recipient of the Life Achievement Award at the upcoming 19th Annual SAG Awards ceremony on Jan. 27, 2013.

Associated Press

MICHAEL CIDONI LENNOX
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Forget dishonest modesty. Dick Van Dyke seems nothing short of gobsmacked about receiving the life-achievement honor at Sunday's Screen Actors Guild Awards.

"They must've gotten to the 'V's," he joked.

Though probably best known for "The Dick Van Dyke Show" (1961-66) and Walt Disney's big-screen musical "Mary Poppins" (1964), the 87-year-old Van Dyke said that, with the SAG Award, "I kind of find a home. I've always been a bit of an orphan, because actors say, 'Well, he's more of a dancer.' And dancers say, 'No. He's really a singer.' And singers say, 'No. He's an actor.' So, now I've got a home. I can actually refer to these people as my peers."

His career has spanned eight decades, starting with work as a disc jockey and a standup comic in the late '40s. He even worked as a national television morning-show host, with no less than Walter Cronkite serving as his news anchor. But perhaps Van Dyke's most critical career break came in 1960, when director Gower Champion hired him as the male lead opposite Chita Rivera in the new Broadway-bound stage musical "Bye Bye Birdie."

Van Dyke had no professional dance experience, and out-of-town tryouts did not go well. "They were going to fire me in Philadelphia," Van Dyke recalled during a recent interview at the Screen Actors Guild headquarters. "I was still nervous and tight."

Nevertheless, Champion refused to terminate Van

Dyke, who would go on to New York with Rivera, and win a Tony award for his performance.

Just about a year later, Van Dyke was starring on his own sitcom, in the role of a television-comedy writer on "The Dick Van Dyke Show." Three prime-time Emmys for Van Dyke and more than 50 years later, the series remains revered by many critics as one of the earliest models of great workplace comedy.

"That whole show was the genius of (show creator and writer) Carl Reiner, who said he wrote Jewish comedy for gentile actors," Van Dyke said.

During the series' run, Van Dyke also enjoyed big-screen hits, including the 1963 "Birdie" movie and the 1964 all-star comedy, "What a Way to Go!" But biggest of all was "Mary Poppins," in which he introduced the Oscar-winning song "Chim Chim Cher-ee," but for which he also took, and still takes, serious ribbing, even from his leading lady and longtime pal Julie Andrews.

"She still kids me about my so-called Cockney accent," Van Dyke said, adding a line of defense: "I had an Irish coach ... so he wasn't any better than me." The first sitcom and "Poppins" are likely to be his most enduring works, but Van Dyke has never stopped working, with other TV series (including a short-lived 1976 variety show, "Van Dyke and Company," which earned him a fourth prime-time Emmy), stage appearances and films. "My favorite unknown movie is 'The Comic,'" Van Dyke said, referring to the 1969 drama, which reunited him with "Van Dyke Show"'s Reiner, who directed. "We felt we actually captured the feel of the silent era." The film is loosely based on the life of silent legend Buster Keaton, who Van Dyke knew personally, adored, and at whose funeral he delivered the eulogy. □

Break All The Rules



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First, my congratulations and condolences to John Kerry for being nominated to be our next secretary of state. There is no one better for the job today and no worse job to have today. It is no accident that we've started measuring our secretaries of state more by miles traveled than milestones achieved. It is bloody hard to do big diplomacy anymore.

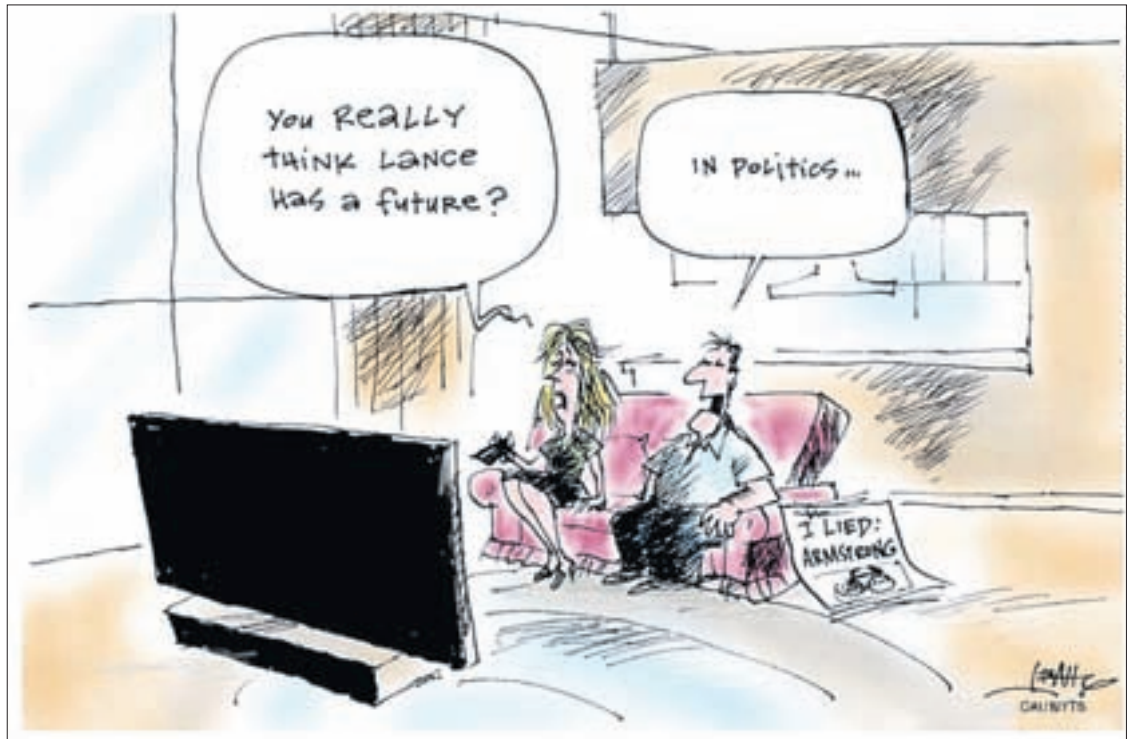
Why? Well, as secretary of state today you get to deal with Vladimir Putin, who was born on third base and thinks he hit a triple. That is, even though Russia's economy is hugely corrupt and nowhere nearly as innovative as it should be, Putin sits atop a huge reserve of oil and gas that makes him think he's a genius and doesn't need to listen to anyone. When recently confronted with his regime's bad behavior, his first instinct was to block U.S. parents from adopting Russian orphans, even though so many of them badly need homes. If there were an anti-Nobel Peace Prize, Putin would win hands down. When Putin isn't available to stiff us, China, to whom we owe a gazillion dollars, is ready to stand in. Those two are the real nations, where there's at least someone to answer the phone – and hang up on us. Elsewhere, the secretary of state gets to deal with failed or failing states, like Mali, Algeria, Afghanistan and Libya, whose governments cannot deliver for their people, let alone for us. If he is looking for a break, Kerry could always call on our long-time ally Egypt, whose president, Mohammed Morsi, we find out, in 2010 described Jews as "descendants of apes and pigs." Who knew?

So what's a secretary of state to do? I'd suggest trying something radically new: creating the conditions for diplomacy where they do not now exist by going around leaders and directly to the people. And I'd start with Iran, Israel and Palestine. We live in an age of social networks in which every leader outside of North Korea is now forced to engage in a two-way conversation with their citizens. There's no more just top-down. People everywhere are finding their voices, and leaders are terrified. We need to turn this to our advantage to gain leverage in diplomacy. Let's break all the rules.

Rather than negotiating with Iran's leaders in secret – which, so far, has produced nothing and allows the Iranian leaders to control the narrative and tell their people that they're suffering sanctions because of U.S. intransigence – why not nego-

tiate with the Iranian people? President Barack Obama should put a simple offer on the table, in Farsi, for all Iranians to see: The U.S. and its allies will permit Iran to maintain a civil nuclear enrichment capability – which it claims is all it wants to meet power needs – provided it agrees to U.N. observers and restrictions that would prevent Tehran from ever assembling a nuclear bomb. We should not only make this offer public but also say to the Iranian people over and over: "The only reason your currency is being crushed, your savings rapidly eroded by inflation, many of your college graduates unemployed and your global trade impeded and the risk of war hanging overhead, is because your leaders won't accept a deal that would allow Iran to develop civil nuclear power but not a bomb." Iran wants its people to think it has no partner for a civil nuclear deal. The U.S. can prove otherwise.

On Israel-Palestine, the secretary of state should publicly offer President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority the following: The U.S. would recognize the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank as the independent State of Palestine on the provisional basis of the June 4, 1967, lines, support its full U.N. membership and send an ambassador to Ramallah, on the condition that Palestinians accept the principle of "two states for two peoples" – an Arab state and a Jewish state in line with U.N. General Assembly Resolution 181 – and agree that permanent borders, security and land swaps would be negotiated directly with Israel. The status of the refugees would be negotiated between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, which represents all Palestinians inside and outside of Palestine. Gaza, now a de facto statelet, would be recognized as part of Palestine only when its government recognizes Israel, renounces violence and rejoins the West Bank. Why do this? Because there will be no Israeli-Palestinian breakthrough unless the silent majorities on both sides know they have a partner – that Palestinians have embraced two states for two peoples and that Israelis have embraced Palestinian statehood. Neither Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu nor Abbas have shown a real commitment to nurture these preconditions for peace, and our secret diplomacy with both only plays into their hands. We need to blow this charade wide open by trying to publicly show Iranians, Israelis and Palestinians that they really do have options that their leaders don't want them to see. (Israel's election Tuesday showed that the peace camp in Israel is still alive and significant.) It may not work. The leaders may still block it or the people may not be interested. But we need to start behaving like a superpower and forcing a moment of truth. Our hands are full now, and we can't waste four more years with allies (or enemies) who may be fooling us. □



Arms And The Women



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Women in the military are going to get to serve in combat. They killed the Equal Rights Amendment to keep this from happening, but, yet, here we are. And about time.

"I think people have come to the sensible conclusion that you can't say a woman's life is more valuable than a man's life," retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught once told me. Vaught is the president of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation. She retired from active duty in 1985, so she remembers a different era entirely. "I went to Vietnam, and when I found out I was going, the first thing I wanted to know was if I'd be trained in weapons. They told me I didn't need to be. That's unheard of today," she said Wednesday when I caught up with her on the phone.

"And," she added, "I wore my skirts."

Now they wear fatigues and tote

rifles. So the Joint Chiefs of Staff have bowed to reality and told Defense Secretary Leon Panetta that "the time has come" to stop excluding women from combat positions. The transformation won't happen immediately, and it might not be universal. But it's still a groundbreaking change. When the recommendation became public Wednesday, except for a broadside from the Concerned Women for America ("our military cannot continue to choose social experimentation and political correctness over combat readiness"), the reception seemed overwhelmingly positive. It's hard to remember – so many parts of recent history now seem hard to remember – but it was the specter of women under fire that did more than anything else to quash the movement for an Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution in the 1970s. "We kept saying we hope no one will be in combat, but, if they are, women should be there, too," recalled Gloria Steinem. The fear of putting women in the trenches has been dispelled on two fronts. One, of course, is the change in the way the American public thinks about women. The other is the shortage of trenches in modern warfare, when an officer on the front lines is not necessarily in a more dangerous position than a support worker. Shoshana Johnson, a cook, was shot in both ankles, taken captive and held for 22 days after her unit was separated from a convoy crossing the Iraqi desert. Lori Piastewa, a Native American and, like Johnson, a single mother, was driving in the same convoy full of clerks and maintenance workers. She was skillfully steering her Humvee through mortar fire when a truck immediately ahead of her jackknifed and her front wheel was hit by a rocket. She was fatally injured in the ensuing crash.

The biggest safety concern for women in the military is actually not so much enemy fire as sexual attacks from fellow members of their own service. Because the crime is so underreported, it's impossible to say how many wom-

en suffer sexual assault while they're in uniform, but 3,192 cases were recorded in 2011. Allowing women to get the benefits of serving in combat positions won't make that threat worse. In fact, it might make things better because it will mean more women at the top of the military, and that, inevitably, will mean more attention to women's issues.

The military's idea of what constitutes a combat position is more about bureaucracy than bullets. Today women are on armed patrols and in fighter planes. But they can't hold approximately 200,000 jobs officially termed "combat," which often bring more pay and can provide a steppingstone for promotions. The system is complicated. But cynics might wonder if some of the military brass fear women's upward mobility more than the danger. "We only have one four-star general who's a woman," said Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee who cheered the recommendation from the Joint Chiefs. It was, she said, "a great step forward for our military," and one that wasn't really expected. Only recently, Gillibrand recalled, she and her allies declared victory when they merely got language in the defense authorization bill requiring the Defense Department to study the question of women in combat.

Women now make up almost 15 percent of the U.S. military and their willingness to serve made the switch to an all-volunteer Army possible. They've taken their posts with such seamless calm that the country barely noticed. The specter that opponents of the ERA deemed unthinkable – our sisters and daughters dying under fire in foreign lands – has happened over and over and over. More than 130 women have died and more than 800 have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. The House of Representatives includes a female double-amputee in the person of the newly elected Tammy Duckworth of Illinois, a former military pilot who lost both her legs when her helicopter was shot down in Iraq.

We've come a long, sometimes tragic, heroic way. □

Sloppy Joe's bar in Havana back for a second helping

PETER ORSI

Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — A half-century later, Jose Rafa Malem remembers the balmy breezes blowing through the bar's arching porticos, the grain of the tall wood stools, the whiff of Pedro Domecq brandy on his father's breath.

And how could he forget the tangy ground-beef-and-tomato-sauce sandwiches synonymous with what was then one of Havana's hippest hangouts, playfully dubbed Sloppy Joe's? "I ate so many, I got tired of them," said Rafa, a 59-year-old Havana native who grew up to become a bartender.

Soon, Rafa will be able to relive those boyhood memories as the original Sloppy Joe's reopens in Havana's historic quarter, giving residents and tourists from all over the chance to belly up to the same bar that served thirsty celebrities such as Rock Hudson, Babe Ruth and Ernest Hemingway.

It's part of an ambitious revitalization project by the Havana City Historian's Office, which since the 1990s has transformed block after block of crumbling ruins into rehabilitated buildings along vibrant cobblestone

streets.

The effort has helped finance Cuba's socialist present by drawing tourists fascinated by its pre-socialist past, from colonial palaces of the 18th century to celebrity hangouts of the 1950s.

"For the people of this city, I think it's very interesting and very important to rescue a place that has so much history and is so recognized around the world," said Ernesto Iznaga, manager of the born-again Joe's, which will be run by state-owned tourism concern Habaguanex. "To restore it to how it was before."

Sloppy Joe's was founded in 1918 by a Galician immigrant named Jose Abeal Otero who purchased a grocery store in Old Havana after years of tending bar in New Orleans and Miami. Legend has it the sobriquet comes from the place's grubbiness and Abeal's American nickname, Joe.

Rafa's father was a close friend of longtime bartender Fabio Delgado and took his boy there on Sunday afternoons beginning in the late '50s.

During the day, Rafa said, Joe's was a mellow family joint where kids slurped

ice cream and Coca-Cola while mom and dad chatted over more potent spirits.

Employees made sandwiches to order behind the black mahogany bar, polished to a high shine and purportedly once the longest in Latin America at about 59 feet (18 meters). After dark, the place filled up with Americans on vacation.

Abeal's affable personality and familiarity with English from his years in the States helped make Joe's a favorite among tipsy Yanks as far back as the Prohibition era of 1920-1933, along with the nearby El Floridita bar, the reputed birthplace of the daiquiri cocktail, and La Bodeguita del Medio, home of the minty, rum-infused mojito.

As much as any other place in Havana, Joe's exemplified the island's lure as a playground for Americans. "No Havana resident ever went to Sloppy Joe's," novelist Graham Greene wrote in his 1958 spy-farce "Our Man in Havana," "because it was the rendezvous of tourists."

It was a stylish clientele compared with the flip-flop and tank-top tourists who swarm Cuba and other Caribbean islands today.



In this 1946 photo, the exterior of the famous Sloppy Joe's Bar stands opposite the reporters club in Havana, Cuba.

(AP Photo)

One illustrated color postcard from the era shows gentlemen in fedoras and pinstripes laughing on barstools alongside white-gloved ladies. Many were wealthy, famous and looking for a good time.

Frank Sinatra. Ava Gardner. Nat King Cole. The list of patrons reads like a Who's Who from Hollywood's Golden Age. Rafa said his own brushes with celebrity included Boston Red Sox slugger Ted Williams and Cuban crooner Benny More. Swashbuckling actor Errol Flynn, who reportedly got in a fistfight at the bar with an overly admiring fan, was enough of a regular that Joe's named a cocktail for him.

Ownership later passed to another "Joe," Jose Garcia. But last call came in 1965 as Fidel Castro's communist government was nationalizing nearly all private businesses, and Joe's has been shuttered for nearly five decades.

When restoration work began in 2010, laborers discovered that the wood floors, rotten from humidity and years of neglect, had collapsed into the basement. The wooden bar, meanwhile, had splintered into three pieces.

"It was in ruins," Iznaga said.

He and his crew have spent two years bringing the watering hole back to life. To keep Joe's as faithful to the original as possible, they've examined historic photos and talked to old-timers like Rafa who remember the way it was.

Messy ground-beef sandwiches will be on the new

menu, naturally. Iznaga said they apparently originated as an Abeal family recipe, though others have also claimed they invented them.

Also on the menu will be the Errol Flynn, an icy vodka and tomato-juice concoction garnished with a celery spear. Among the few changes is that the new bar will be air-conditioned for the comfort of sweaty patrons.

At the intersection of Animas and Zulueta streets on a recent morning, dozens of workers buzzed about painting and finishing the bar's wood surfaces. A Sloppy Joe's sign hung from the building's corner, wrapped in plastic and ready to be unveiled for opening day.

Construction setbacks have delayed the re-opening from Iznaga's original target around New Year's, and the first fingers of Havana Club rum will likely flow sometime in February. Across the Florida Straits, where rum-runner and speakeasy operator Joe Russell named his own bar Sloppy Joe's in the 1930s at the suggestion of his friend Ernest Hemingway, operators are delighted that the original is being reborn.

"It's exciting because obviously our history is tied into their history," said Donna Edwards, brand manager at the Key West Joe's, which recently celebrated 75 years at its current location.

"Hemingway and Russell, they would frequent Sloppy Joe's when they were in Havana. It's a piece of history, and our history is now coming to life again." □



In this 1959 photo, American novelist Ernest Hemingway, left, speaks with actors Alec Guinness, center, and Noel Coward in Sloppy Joe's Bar during the making of Sir Carol Reed's film version of "Our Man in Havana," based on Graham Greene's best seller, in Havana, Cuba.

(AP Photo)